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High PHS Bids Send School District Back To Drawing Board

Last Thursday, the Princeton Regional Board of Education opened the most recent round of bids for the district's \$81.3 million, multi-year project that will facilitate new construction and renovations at each of its six schools.

While bids for the four elementary schools were under budget, those related to the project at John Witherspoon Middle School exceeded the district's budget by at least \$1 million, and the bids for Princeton High School were over budget by as much as \$10 million to \$15 million.

Although the School Board had hoped to award the contracts for its projects at its Tuesday, December 17 meeting, it is expected to delay those awards for as long as 60 days in order to make changes to its design plans, which could significantly affect the district's construction schedule.

"We're very disappointed about the high school bid," said Charlotte Bialek, president of the School Board. "We're pleased with where the elementary school bids came in, and we're close at the middle school, but obviously we have a lot of work to do at the high school."

"There's no question that there will have to be some redesign of the high school," stated Anne Burns, vice president of the School Board and a member of its facilities committee. "We're not sitting still; we're going to address this quickly."

School Board officials have already met with their architect, Paul Pezzutti of the Hillier Group, in an effort to determine the best course of action. The facilities committee, which met on Monday, was expected to make a recommendation to the full board on Tuesday night, December 17.

"We want to make sure that we have a good building that we can afford," added Ms. Burns. "We'll take a look at the whole project and talk about what options we have as to how to proceed now."

For bidding purposes, the School Board divided its district-wide project

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Arts Council Takes Theater Out of Plans

After numerous meetings over the last two years with its neighbors in the John-Witherspoon community, leaders of the Arts Council have decided to eliminate the 200-seat theater from their renovation and expansion plans.

When the Regional Planning Board rejected the Arts Council's application in December of 2000, there was concern on the board and among audience members that the theater would draw sufficient additional people to make parking in the John Witherspoon neighborhood even more problematic.

Instead of constructing a new performance space, the Arts Council will now renovate its existing Loft Theater, which contains about 145 seats. Sound and projection booths will be added, making it possible to screen films. Also, said Tom Rowe, principal of the architectural firm of Michael Graves & Associates, efforts will be made to remove the ceiling from the top-floor theater and expose the wood trusses.

The square footage of the proposed new addition will remain

approximately the same as in earlier plans, about 10,500. The new space will include the Barbara Sigmond Reception Center, named for the former Borough mayor, a strong supporter of the Arts Council.

The addition will be attached to the current Arts Council building, after the one-story wing has been demolished. The final structure will contain some 21,000 square feet and include an enlarged art gallery and ceramics center, a children's studio, spaces for staff, additional

studio space, and a Communitiversity Room.

The bulk of the building, however, would be lessened because about a third of the additional square footage will be below grade. This reduces the total lot coverage from about 56 percent to approximately 41 percent. The new configuration will allow the provision of nine on-site parking spaces. Variances will still be required for lot coverage, setback, and parking.

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Judge Upholds Deer-Feeding Ordinance; Township Approves Third Cull Contract

On the heels of a superior court decision that upheld a Princeton Township deer-feeding ordinance related to its community-based deer management program, Township Committee unanimously authorized a \$160,000 professional service agreement with White Buffalo for a third year of culling and the possibility of a non-lethal alternative on Monday night.

Last Wednesday, Mercer County Superior Court Judge Linda Feinberg upheld an ordinance prohibiting the feeding of deer on any property within the Township and dismissed a complaint filed on behalf of several animal rights organizations and private citizens.

In her ruling, Judge Feinberg held that the plaintiffs failed to show that

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HOLIDAY TRAFFIC: A horse-drawn carriage mixes with pedestrians and traffic on Witherspoon Street Sunday. The weekend carriage rides through downtown Princeton have become a holiday tradition.

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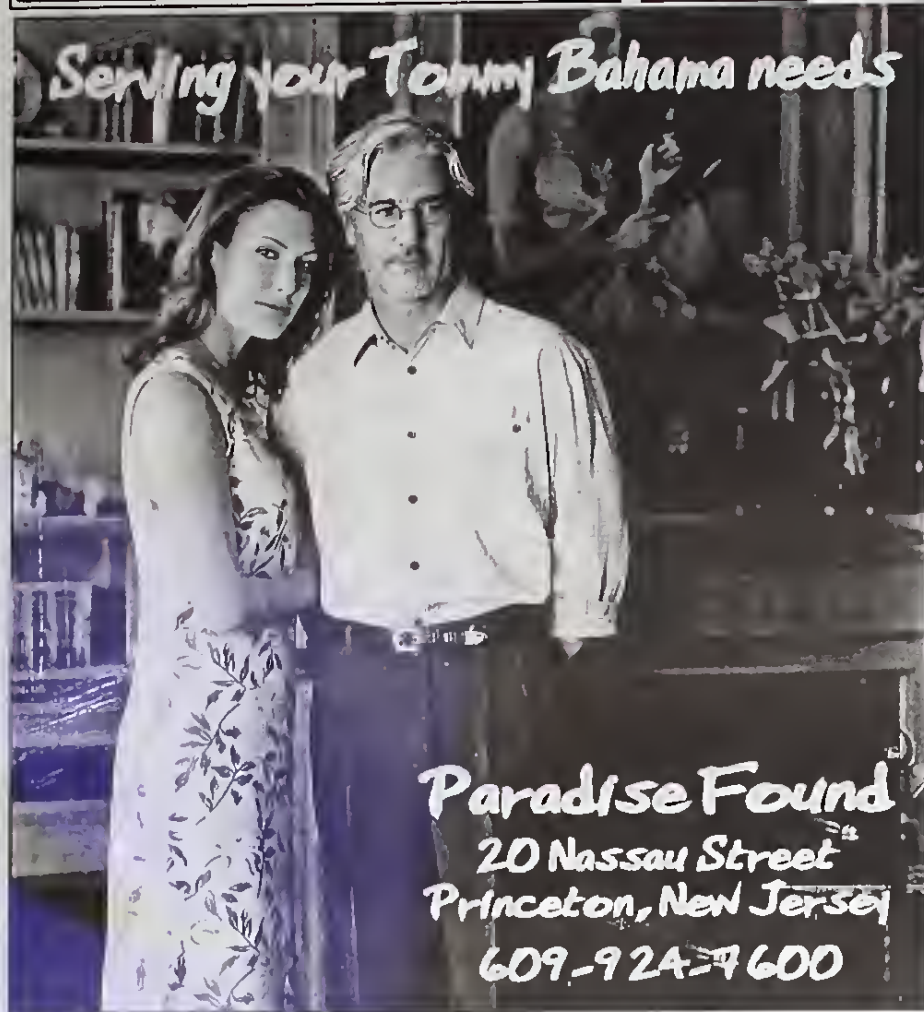
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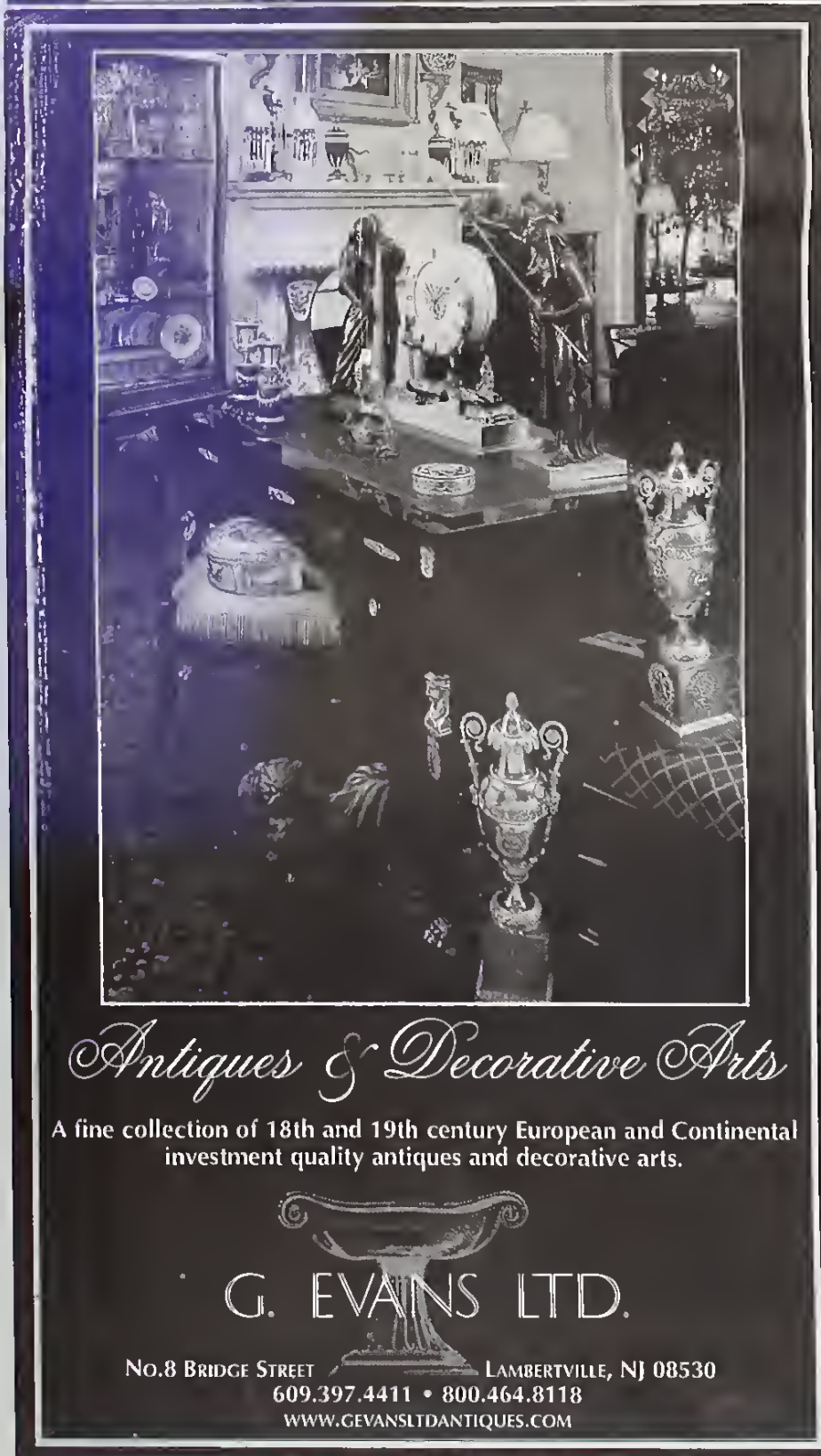
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Palestinians to Speak At Trinity Church

On Thursday, December 19, at 8 p.m., two members of the Palestinian community of Hebron will be at the George Thomas Room of Trinity Church to discuss life under Israeli military occupation. They have been brought to the United States by Americans for Middle East Understanding of New York City, and have recently been speaking around northern New Jersey.

Their talks are open to the public.

Zleikha Muhtaseb is a former English teacher who now works with human rights groups such as Save the Children, Human Rights Watch and Christian Peacemaker Teams as an interviewer and translator. She appeared on 60 Minutes after the Goldstein massacre in 1994. She was director of the Women's Education Center in the Old City of Hebron, where she taught classes on women's health issues, literacy, and small economic projects.

She will speak about women's and children's lives under military occupation.

Abdel Hadi Hantash is the head of the Land Defense Committee for the Hebron District, monitoring settler expansion and land confiscation. He has testified more than a hundred times in Israeli courts on behalf of Palestinians whose land has been seized by Israel.

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PUTTING ON A SHOW: Performing on Saturday at their first recital as part of Singers Forum's Princeton Youth Scholarship Program are, from left to right, Gloria Vazquez, Joel Mufham, Katherina Gonzalez, Sahmone Walker, Diana Gonzalez, and Handy Pierre. Victoria Plummer and Jennifer Rangel, not pictured, also participated in the vocal scholarship program.

(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

Singers Forum Recital Exhibits New Vocal Scholarship Program

A group of Princeton children recently showed the community what can be done with a bit of hard work and inspiration.

Last weekend, Singers Forum held its first Princeton recital at the Arts Council of Princeton, featuring both group and solo performances by the eight local children who are taking part in its Princeton Youth Scholarship Program.

"This was the first experience the children had to

perform in front of a real audience," said Philip Campanella, executive director of Singers Forum. "They've made incredible progress and they have done it in a very short time."

TOPICS Of the Town

Singers Forum, a non-profit organization dedicated to the development and appreciation of the vocal arts, launched its Princeton Youth Scholarship Program in October.

"It doesn't matter if we hit every note; it's about how accomplished the children feel," added Mr. Campanella. "That sense of accomplishment is palpable; it fills the room."

The program targets children considered "at-risk" economically and environmentally and provides private vocal training and music education for students in a supportive environment, promoting basic learning and social skills, self-discipline, self-worth, and artistic appreciation.

Through its scholarship program, Singers Forum is offering ten 12-month vocal scholarships to disadvantaged youths living in Princeton.

Fosters Self-Esteem

"A lot of people think that Princeton is an affluent town," said Nina Wainwright, Singers Forum board member and initiator of the Princeton pilot program, "but I see a lot of needy children, economically and environmentally. This program gives them a safe place and fosters discipline, self-esteem, and the feeling of being special."

Supported by contributions from William Scheide and the Gould Group, the program awards scholarships to upper elementary through high school students, ages 8 to 16, that provide for private voice lessons on alternate Saturdays, sheet music, books, rehearsal tapes, and transportation.

"Vocal music is an artform, a way to express oneself," said Ms. Wainwright. "This is something that these children can use throughout their lives, even when they're 90 years old."

"The musical experiences

offered by the Youth Program provide a much-needed buffer," added Mr. Campanella, "between an at-risk child's basic survival needs and the overwhelming realities of their existence."

Founded in 1978 by Andy Anselmo and John Albert Harris, Singers Forum is built on the philosophy of personal achievement and artistic development through vocal training, performance, and community service.

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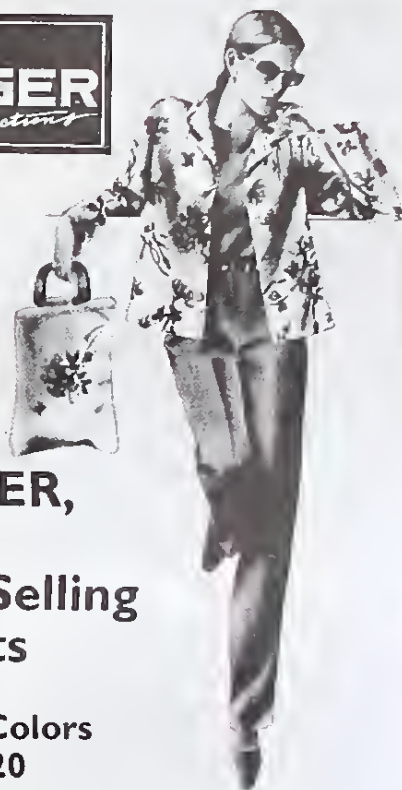
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Singers Forum

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Based in New York City, it offers year-round classes for emerging artists as well as recreational singers in all styles of vocal performance, including opera, musical theatre, jazz, cabaret, and effective speaking. Some of the students who have attended Singers Forum include Liza Minnelli, Mandy Patinkin, Tony Bennett, Regis Philbin, Patrick Dempsey, and John Leguizamo.

Scholarship Program

The Princeton youth program follows the New York Youth Scholarship Program, which was established eight years ago.



BRINGING HOLIDAY CHEER: Joel Mufam was one of several Princeton children who participated in the first semester of the Princeton Youth Scholarship Program, a vocal scholarship program sponsored by Singers Forum that seeks to promote personal achievement and artistic expression.

(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

New Faculty Member Named by Institute

The Institute for Advanced Study has announced that Nicola Di Cosmo will join the faculty as Professor in its School of Historical Studies.

Prof. Di Cosmo, currently Senior Lecturer in Chinese History at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand, is a specialist in the relationship between China and its northern neighbors, the nomads of the Inner Asian steppes. His appointment is effective July 1, 2003.

"[Prof.] Di Cosmo's work is technically superb, highly innovative in approach, and rich in implications for the relations between nomadic and settled peoples, indeed, for simple and complex societies in general," says Institute Director Phillip A. Griffiths. "His wide range of interests and interdisciplinary approach make this an ideal appointment for the Institute."

Prof. Di Cosmo is author of *Ancient China and Its Enemies: The Rise of Nomadic Power in East Asian History* (2002), and *Reports from the Northwest: A Selection of Manchu Memorials from Kashgor, 1806-1807* (1993). In progress are books to be titled, *A Military History of the Manchu Conquest of China* and *The Mongol Empire in World History*.

He is on the advisory or editorial boards of the *Journal of East Asian Archaeology*, *Asia Major*, and *Inner Asia*.

Prof. Di Cosmo has received fellowships from the New Zealand Royal Society, Harvard University's Milton Fund, the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation, the Center for Chinese Studies in Taipei, the Institute of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies in Rome, and the Italian Ministry of Education. In addition, he leads Smithsonian Study Tours to Mongolia.

Before assuming his position at Canterbury in 1999, Di Cosmo was assistant professor (1993-97) and then associate professor (1998-99) of Chinese Inner Asian History in the Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations at Harvard University.

Prof. Di Cosmo earned his 1982 B.A. (Laurea) in Chinese Studies at the University of Venice, and received his 1991 Ph.D. in Inner Asian History from Indiana University. He was a visiting member in the School of Historical Studies in the spring semester, 1999.

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"While the emphasis is on exposure to the art form, the primary goal of the Youth Scholarship Program is to teach children that they are worthy and have something of value to offer the world," said Ms. Wainwright, "that they ultimately determine their success in life, and that accomplishment goes hand-in-hand with diligence and hard work."

As part of its scholarship program, Singers Forum introduces children to other cultural activities and artistic expressions. On Sunday, Singers Forum joined with

Melanie Clarke of the Bravo! educational outreach program to take the eight children to see the annual children's concert performed by the Princeton Symphony Orchestra in Richardson Auditorium.

Ms. Wainwright stated that Singers Forum would like to expand its Princeton program by training local teachers in their methodology and attracting more students to its program. "I hope that we could build the school here to enable the students to put on their own shows," she said.

"A lot of people were turned off to singing at some point in their childhood," said Mr. Campanella. "This gives children an opportunity to discover themselves and their talents through the process of learning to sing."

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Patryk Michael Nelson, 31, of Princeton, was charged with attempting to buy prescription drugs illegally when he used a false ID at CVS Pharmacy, on Nassau Street, on December 14. According to police he also impersonated a doctor in his attempt to order the drugs. After being charged with attempted identity theft to obtain prescription drugs, he was released with summons.

A Trenton man soliciting gutter cleaning work in the area of Nassau Street and Snowden Lane was arrested on active warrants after police made a suspicious pedestrian stop. The accused, Tracy Crews, 38, was found to have active warrants against him totaling \$1,573 in Princeton Township and Hamilton. After being charged with contempt of court he posted bail in the amount of the warrants and was turned over to Hamilton police.

Lace Silhouettes Lingerie was the victim of an apparent case of Christmas shoplifting. During the afternoon of December 10, two female suspects, each estimated to be 20 years old, stole two Cosabella Babydoll Chemises, valued at \$196, from the Palmer Square store. No arrests were made.

On December 13, the Mediterranean Restaurant on Hulfish Street was victimized by the theft of six restaurant chairs. The chairs had been left next to the rear entrance of the restaurant in the Hulfish Street parking garage.

A purse was stolen from a Witherspoon Street doctor's office sometime during the early morning of December 6. The purse was the property of the office manager, a 44-year-old Crosswicks resident. It contained her checkbooks and other personal property.

The Nassau Street office of Weichert Realtors was also victimized by theft on December 9, when person(s) unknown stole \$170 from the firm's petty cash box. No suspect has been identified.

Four people were arrested for driving while intoxicated. On December 12, Leroy Warren of Princeton, 70, was stopped on Jefferson Road and subsequently arrested when police determined that he had been driving under the influence of alcohol.

On December 13, police stopped Amanda Doyle, 25, of Somerset, on Nassau Street for unsafe driving. She was then arrested when found to be DWI.

The following day, Matthew T. O'Grady, 27, of Newtown,

Pa., was stopped for speeding on Nassau Street. He, too, was found to be driving under the influence, and released after being charged. Another speeder was stopped on Nassau Street on December 15. Mohinder Ahluwalia of Dayton, 31, was arrested and taken to police headquarters after being charged with DWI and refusing to take a breathalyzer test.

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Mr. Rowe said the new addition will not be very different in design from the earlier plan, but that the scale will be quite a bit different. "The buildings we do are always fairly recognizable," he said, adding that not having to deal with the huge bulk of theater will permit the plan to include additional windows.

The project will also include renovating the current Arts Council building and bringing it up to all fire, construction, and handicapped accessibility codes. This covers in part the addition of elevators, new restrooms, and fire stairs.

Michael Graves' office is currently working on the new plans and hopes they can be submitted to the Regional Planning Board in concept form in March. A community meeting to discuss the project is expected to be scheduled in January.

Anne Reeves, the Arts Council's executive director, anticipates that the cost of the renovation and construction will be close to \$4 million. Almost that much has been raised, she said, but there will be a need to raise more.

Little Jewel

She added that she does not see an enormous change in usage for the building. "There isn't going to be that much more room. Events will be pretty much the way they are. My hope is that it will be a little jewel of an arts center that just sparkles for the entire community."

In December 2000, the Regional Planning Board rejected by a vote of 6-5 expansion plans for the Arts Council. Those members voting against approval suggested the arts group had not listened closely to the concerns of its neighbors and that the planned 200-seat theater would significantly increase traffic in the John-Witherspoon neighborhood.

The Arts Council is located at the northern edge of the John-Witherspoon neighborhood, at the intersection of Paul Robeson Place and Witherspoon Street.

Supporters on the Planning Board argued that the community around the Arts Council should not see its activities as a threat, and that the Graves-designed addition was an exciting building.

In October 2001, the Arts Council's board of directors, having evaluated several sites both within and outside Princeton, announced that it wanted to stay in the downtown and expand its present building. The arts group had been considering, and finally rejected, a move to the

Lucent Technologies site on Carter Road in Hopewell Township. Princeton Borough sold the building at 102 Witherspoon Street to the Arts Council in 1996 for \$110,000. The group agreed to make the structure handicapped accessible, something the Borough did not believe it could afford to do because of stricter standards for municipal buildings. This work will be included in the renovation/expansion project.

—Myrna K. Bearse

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— Laura Kim, Alexander Street



"Not very far. I'm probably a tenth of the way, but I shop with my wife and she has done eighty percent of our collective shopping. I haven't done all of my shopping for her yet ... but I know what I'm going to get."

— Mark Orten, University Place

Expanded Hunan Chinese Restaurant Planned for Witherspoon Street Site

The owners of Hunan Chinese Restaurant at 157 Witherspoon Street received Planning Board approval Thursday night to raze their two-story restaurant and apartment building and replace it with a 15-seat restaurant and two apartments in a building more than double its current size.

The plans call for a 2,995-square-foot building with a restaurant, kitchen, and take-out business on the first floor and two two-bedroom apartments on the second and third floors. A nine-space parking lot is planned for the rear of the site, which borders on the Borough's Shirley Court housing development.

The Princeton Regional Planning Board voted 8-1 to approve the plans submitted by Township residents Elsie and Ray Pang, who previously developed Orchid Pavilion and Ichiban restaurants and are the owners of Orchid Center on Nassau Street.

Dissenting Vote

The dissenting vote was cast by Peter Madison, who said the planned building is too large for the site. Mr. Madison said he would support the plan only if approval incorporated Site Plan Review Advisory Board (SPRAB) recommendations designed to reduce the size of the building.

The L-shaped building would roughly cover the footprint of the existing structure with an additional dining room section extending 32 feet north along Witherspoon

Street. The building would maintain the same 1.1-foot front yard setback as the existing structure.

SPRAB, in its November 13 meeting, recommended decreasing the size of the dining room and overhead apartment space by setting the front wall of the dining room section an additional five feet from the property line, while maintaining the rear and side setbacks. But the Planning Board voted to approve the applicant's plans with the requested variances, allowing setbacks of 1.1 feet for the front yard, 1.9 feet for the Shirley Court side yard, and 16 feet for the rear yard.

The Planning Board also agreed to allow 15 seats in the planned dining room, three more seats than the applicant had originally requested. SPRAB had recommended capping seating at 10 due to concerns that the nine parking spaces proposed for the site would not be sufficient to serve take-out patrons, restaurant patrons, and tenants.

SPRAB also recommended that several of the proposed gables and dormers on the third floor be eliminated to reduce the apparent height and bulk of the building. At the Witherspoon Street and Shirley Court corner of the building, the applicant agreed to eliminate the south-facing gable, but did not agree to remove the west-facing gable. The Pangs were also unwilling to eliminate, as recommended by SPRAB, a gable

and dormer housing uninhabitable space on the building's north elevation.

Entrance Shifted

The Pangs agreed to move the planned tenant entrance from Shirley Court to the rear of the building. The change came in response to a SPRAB recommendation that the street-level entrance to the second-floor apartments be shifted to eliminate the need for a canopy overhanging Shirley Court.

Site Plan Review Advisory Board member Peter Neilson, who voted against recommending approval of the plans, even with conditions, at last month's SPRAB meeting, had charged that the applicant made little effort to mitigate the need for variances and design a structure appropriate to the site and the neighborhood.

"I take great exception to that," said project architect Vincent Myers at the Planning Board meeting. "We've spent two and a half years trying to come up with a solution that we consider to be viable." Mr. Myers said the submitted plans developed as a result of several years of planning in conjunction with informal discussions with Borough Mayor Marvin Reed.

Mr. Myers showed planners one of the earlier schemes considered for the property, a plan that he said would have allowed the Pangs to maximize their building space and potential income by constructing two apartments over a 40-seat restaurant in a

building located to the rear of the lot, with parking space in front. The rejected plan would have required the demolition of the adjacent two-family house, a former parsonage also owned by the Pangs that neighbors and Borough officials want preserved.

The Pangs reached an agreement with the Borough to preserve the former parsonage and place a deed restriction on it limiting the building to residential uses.

Board member and Borough Council member Wendy

Benchley praised the Pangs' efforts to preserve the building and called the approved plans "a good exchange."

The Pangs also offered to move a bus stop, which Mayor Reed noted is not an official stop, north of its current location next to the existing restaurant. Mr. Myers said the bus stop could be relocated in the small landscaped yard that will be created when the Pangs remove the existing driveway for the two-family home. A public pay phone at the site will be eliminated.

Only one area resident offered public comment at the meeting. Martha Strunsky of Shirley Court praised the development plans, but asked the Pangs and their architect to take a closer look at questions of exterior lighting, trash management, trees, and parking lot surface material.

Ms. Pang said she and her husband plan to raze the existing restaurant as soon as they receive the required permits from the Borough.

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Final Decision Draws Near For Redevelopment Complex

If Yogi Berra was right, and "It ain't over till it's over," then the fate of the downtown redevelopment complex is up in the air. After all, Council's vote on the developer's agreement will not take place until sometime in January. And it is this vote that will determine, once and for all, whether the garage and related development will go forward (barring any possible surprise moves from left field against the project).

But so far only one Council member, Roger Martindell, has said he will not support the \$13.5 million project. Four votes are needed for approval, and it appears likely that the redevelopment complex will get at least this number from the five remaining Council members.

Redevelopment Bond

Also, Council is expected at its December 17 meeting to approve a \$13.5 million bond for the redevelopment

project. This will be done, however, with the understanding that the bond resolution would be placed on hold until the developer's agreement with Nassau HKT Associates was signed.

Council also offered continuing support to the project by allocating an additional \$377,942 to Nassau HKT Associates so that it can continue its design work and stay on schedule for a December 2003 completion of the 500-space garage on the Park and Shop lot. This brings the total amount the Borough has agreed to pay Nassau HKT Associates close to \$1 million.

A discussion about the garage complex took up most of Council's 3½ hour meeting last Tuesday, December 10. Unlike the previous week, proponents of the project outnumbered opponents, and all who wanted to speak were given the opportunity to have their say.

Former Councilman Mark Freda, who has become a vocal opponent of the project, noted that the draft developer's agreement stated that the Borough planned to bury wires underground on Spring Street. When he was told this was far from certain, he said, "How many things in the agreement are incorrect? We need to step back. You're rushing this."

The final construction cost of the garage and plaza — the guaranteed maximum price — came in approximately \$300,000 less than had been anticipated: \$11.6 million instead of the earlier \$11.9 million. The Borough, however, still plans to bond \$13.5 million to cover costs for capitalized interest and contingency.

There was a constant back and forth, as opponent and proponent made their points to Council. "I commend Council for the way it has gone about its business and look forward to it being built," said Andrew Koontz.

"The project is too bulky. I'd like to see the library the focal point of the project. The apartment building should be one floor lower," said Helmut Schwab.

Robert Geddes said he was not speaking as co-chair of Princeton Future, but rather as both a local resident and as a professional architect. The development plan, he said, will be exactly right for everyday living in our community. "As an architect," he continued, "I support your development plan because it is carefully composed. It is tuned to Princeton — in materials, in rhythms, in scale and proportion."

Alternative Plan

Mr. Freda told Council that an alternative parking plan — a parking deck — had been talked about for months. He asked why the Borough hasn't looked at this. "You haven't done your homework in looking at every possible alternative," said the former Councilman.

At this point in the evening, the clock had reached 10:45. Jim Firestone, who had first broached the idea of a parking deck, provided a rough sketch of the idea to Council members. The deck would be two and one third levels, and similar to the one at Carnegie Center, said Mr. Firestone. It would contain a total of 280 spaces. His plan also allows for two plazas. "I believe it could be built for one third the cost," he said, "for about \$10,000 a space."

Mayor Reed said later in the week that the Borough had analyzed Mr. Firestone's proposal and would deliver the results to him. These, said Mr. Reed, showed that the Borough ends up in the second year of its plan still \$200,000 ahead, while Mr. Firestone's plan would leave the Borough \$300,000 behind. He noted that the Borough is used to putting more than a half million dollars from the two municipal lots each year into the operating budget. "that half million will come to us from the two retail and apartment buildings," he said.

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The honor, based on overall performance, is given to the top 10 percent of the company's 155 branch offices in 39 states. The winners were chosen on the basis of production, performance, and successful recruiting efforts.

"The Princeton office set a great example for our firm, and the securities industry as a whole, during a challenging economic year," said Charley Grose, president of RBC Dain Rauscher's private client group.

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FIRST BROTHER: Neil Bush, brother of President George W. Bush, appeared recently at the Newgrange School in Trenton, a co-educational day school for students with learning disabilities, including dyslexia. Those pictured include, from left, Gordon Sherman, executive director of the Newgrange School; Bob Lefkowitz; Phoebe Pierson; Sue Morris, director of education; Mr. Bush; and Dee Rosenberg, director of outreach.

**Princeton Crossroads
Acquired by Nilson GMAC**

Princeton Crossroads Realty Inc. has joined the Princeton office of Gloria Nilson

GMAC Real Estate. The announcement was made November 26 by Pat Bell, President and CEO of Gloria Nilson GMAC.

"Princeton Crossroads has been a highly respected and well-known agency in the Princeton real estate market for more than 20 years," said Ms. Bell. "This acquisition enhances our dominant position in Princeton and the surrounding areas, while we maintain the service our customers have grown to expect."

Princeton Crossroads owner Linda Carnevale and her 19 associates have joined the Gloria Nilson office at 33 Witherspoon Street, where they will tap into the company's network of relocation, mortgage and brokerage services that includes 1,400 offices and 26,000 agents nationwide.

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School Board

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into four components: Community Park and Johnson Park elementary schools; Riverside and Littlebrook elementary schools; John Witherspoon Middle School; and Princeton High School.

In this round of bids — the second round for both the elementary schools and the middle school — the School Board accepted separate bids on each project for both its whole construction and sub-contractor work to be performed by general contracting, plumbing, electrical, steel, and HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) firms.

In return, the board

received numerous sub-contractors offers, but once again earned few general contracting bids.

For the Community Park and Johnson Park project, Imperial Construction of Elizabeth submitted bids of \$6.6 million for the general contracting work and \$11.6 million for all the work at the two schools. In addition, Fletcher Harlee of Fort Washington, Pa. bid \$5 million to be the general contractor of the joint project.

Imperial also issued bids of \$5.6 million for the general contracting work at both Littlebrook and Riverside and \$10.5 million for all of the construction work at those sites.

For the John Witherspoon

Middle School project, Hesser Construction Corporation of Cherry Hill, which was recently outbid for the construction of the Princeton Public Library, submitted a general contracting bid of \$11.5 million.

Similarly, the only general contracting bid for the Princeton High School project was issued by Ernest Bock & Sons of Philadelphia, Pa., which bid \$24.9 million.

"I was pleased that we had the level of sub-contractor interest that we had," said Ms. Bialek, "but we had hoped to see more bids by general contractors."

The district's construction and renovation project is being funded through a bond referendum overwhelmingly

approved by voters on May 15, 2001, plus \$20 million in state aid.

Ms. Burns stated that because this is the second time the School Board has put its project at the middle

school out to bid, the possibility may exist that the board could negotiate directly with the contractors. In addition, according to Ms. Burns, the School Board could decide to combine the construction projects at John Witherspoon Middle School and Princeton High School in an effort to save money.

"If we can get economy by bundling those two projects as one," she stated, "then it might be worth looking at."

In August, the School Board announced that it was delaying its construction six weeks until mid-October to make changes to the site plans in order to take into consideration questions regarding cost, program purposes, and most appropriate use of the property.

Then, in mid-October, at the recommendation of its architect, the School Board decided to extend the deadline for bids on the construction projects at its four elementary schools and the middle school by nearly three weeks, thereby moving all bid openings to last Thursday.

Extended Deadline

The decision to extend the deadline was precipitated by the fact that eight other school districts within New Jersey were scheduled to open their bids on the original deadline of November 25.

By delaying the bid openings, the School Board was hoping to encourage greater participation and increase the low number of bids it had received to that point for its construction and renovation project.

"We had better participation this time, but still not as much as we'd like," stated Ms. Burns. "Competition makes people sharpen their pencils."

On October 4, the School Board unanimously rejected all of the few first-round bids it received for its projects related to both the elementary schools and the middle school. In addition, the School Board voted to withdraw its request for bids for Princeton High School.

At that time, only one bid was received regarding the improvements at the elementary schools and two bids were submitted for the construction at the middle school. Each of the bids received by the district exceeded its construction budgets, although district officials have declined to reveal the exact amount of those budgets.

Preliminary figures released prior to the referendum indicated that the improvements to each elementary school would cost \$5 million, the middle school would cost \$18 million, and the high school would cost more than \$38 million.

According to Ms. Burns, the amount of construction work in the area at the time contributed to the submission of bids that exceeded the district's construction budget. In addition, the number of addenda attached to the original bid specifications and their complicated nature created confusion among construction companies.

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tions was re-issued when the elementary and middle school projects when back out to bid on October 28. Bid specifications for the high school were re-issued on November 4.

The timetables for the construction projects vary according to each level within the district. At the elementary schools, construction is expected to last 15 months, while the improvements to the middle school and the high school are expected to take approximately 18 months to two years and three years, respectively.

How much these most recent developments will affect the overall timetable of the project is unclear.

"I'm still confident in saying that the elementary schools

could start fairly soon," said Ms. Burns. "I'm not sure what will happen at the middle school and the high school. A redesign could significantly delay the project, but I really don't know."

—David McNutt

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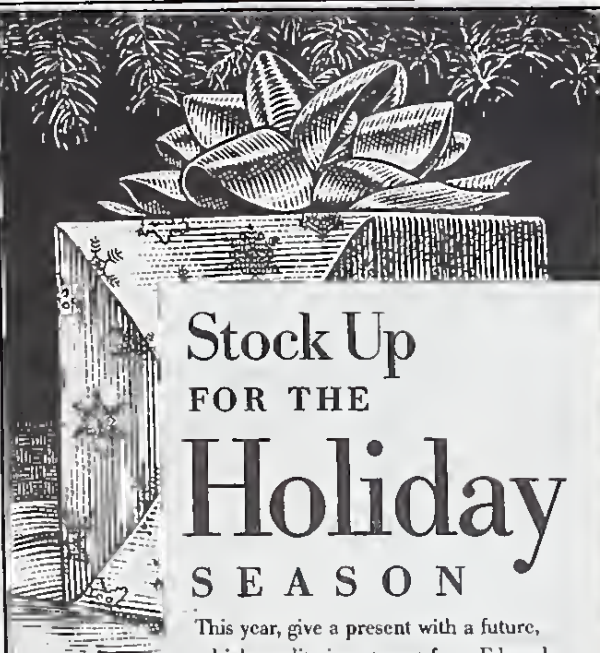
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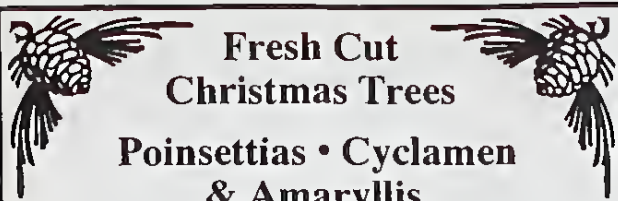
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The five-year campaign that concluded in 2000 was the most successful fundraising effort in the University's history, with 78 percent of Princeton's undergraduate alumni making gifts to the University. "Our campaign theme, 'With One Accord,' resonated strongly with our alumni, parents and friends, and we wanted to salute their generosity," said President Shirley M. Tilghman. "Recording the names of everyone who gave seemed wonderfully appropriate, and those thousands of names listed together say something special about the Princeton family."

Reflecting the campaign's theme, the plaque consists of five vertical panels, each shaped like a curving ribbon. The ribbons are filled with rows of names set in ten-point type and randomly ordered. The names blend together until the viewer draws close to the plaque, at which point the individual names appear.

"It was important that there be no distinction between donors of large and small gifts, and that a member of the Class of 2000 who had made a first contribution to Annual Giving could be next to a multi-million dollar donor from the Class of 1952," said vice president for development Brian McDonald. "We believe that our alumni will enjoy having their own names mixed in with classmates, friends and Princetonians of

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The plaque, more than 11 feet wide and eight and a half feet high, was designed by ChingFoster Design of New

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Tenacre Receives Zoning Approval For Several Campus Renovations

The Princeton Township Zoning Board of Adjustment unanimously approved Tenacre Foundation's plan to expand its campus with a new nursing residence, an administration building, and other renovations and improvements.

Last Wednesday, with three separate votes, the Zoning Board granted the religious organization a conditional use permit as well as variances that will allow for the construction of a 32,539-square-foot nursing residence hall

and an 11,917-square-foot administration and welcome center.

"Everyone agrees that Tenacre is a very low-impact, minimal impact use," stated Carlos Rodriguez, chair of the Zoning Board. "There was a consensus on the board that the plan that they proposed was a good one."

Founded in 1921

Located on its present 66-acre campus since 1921, Tenacre Foundation provides a variety of services related to

Christian Science nursing.

"For us, Christian Science nursing is a very simple ministry," said Cynthia Love, president of Tenacre Foundation. "The care we give is very simple, yet our service of it continues to be refined."

Positioned west of The Great Road, Tenacre is bounded by private properties and the Woodfield Reservation to the east, Stuart Road and Princeton Day School to the south, and Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart to the southeast.

"We have loved being a part of this community and have loved being able to contribute to it," added Ms. Love. "This plan will give us a building that enables us to do this nursing in a real home-like setting. We believe our guests will be blessed by that."

Previously approved by the Site Plan Review Advisory Board in October, the plan calls for the replacement of a nursing residence that has been in place since the 1950s.

The new, two-story structure will provide three more rooms for staff as well as larger accommodations and private baths for guests. In addition, the new administration building will be linked to the residence hall by a covered, glass walkway, and renovations to the other nursing buildings will create links to provide interior access to each of the buildings on campus.

Ms. Love indicated that Tenacre hopes to break ground for its project in the spring of 2003.

"As far as the Zoning Board is concerned, they're good to go," stated Mr. Rodriguez. "They have some other permits to obtain, but I don't think that any of those will be deal-breakers."

One of the issues discussed during the Zoning Board's meeting was the possibility of including a bikeway on The Great Road West, an addition that is part of the Township's Master Plan.

After a discussion that continued from its November meeting, the Zoning Board decided not to impose the bikeway as a condition of approval.

In reaching its decision, the Zoning Board heard testimony regarding the anticipated bicycle traffic on The

Great Road West from Michael Suber, chair of the Township's Sidewalk and Bikeway Advisory Committee, and Sgt. Michael Henderson, the Township's traffic safety officer.

"The testimony that we heard suggested that there would not be enough traffic on the path to justify building it," said Mr. Rodriguez.

"Installing a bikeway on paper is one thing, but on-site is another matter," added Ms. Love. "There were tremendous obstacles to putting it in, and the Township decided to withdraw its request at this time."

An additional issue discussed was the parking required on Tenacre's site.

Designated as a place of worship under zoning guidelines, Tenacre would normally be required to provide 945 parking spaces based on the number and size of its buildings. However, Ms. Love contended that the Tenacre campus does not require that much parking.

"We have done several parking studies," she stated, "that have found that at any given time we rarely use more than half of the spaces that we currently have."

Following the consent of the Zoning Board, the foundation will not be required to provide the typical number of parking spaces, but under its plan, Tenacre will increase its parking area from 121 to 128 spaces.

In addition, the Zoning Board approved proposals within Tenacre's plan for limited outside lighting and shorter parking stalls.

One of the conditions of the approval that was imposed upon Tenacre was that it grant an additional five feet of road along The Great Road West and The Great Road East to the Township for right of way purposes.

—David McNutt

St. Paul School to Host Annual Shamrock Auction

St. Paul School will hold its 14th annual Shamrock Auction and Dinner Dance on March 15, 2003, at the Doral Forrester Hotel.

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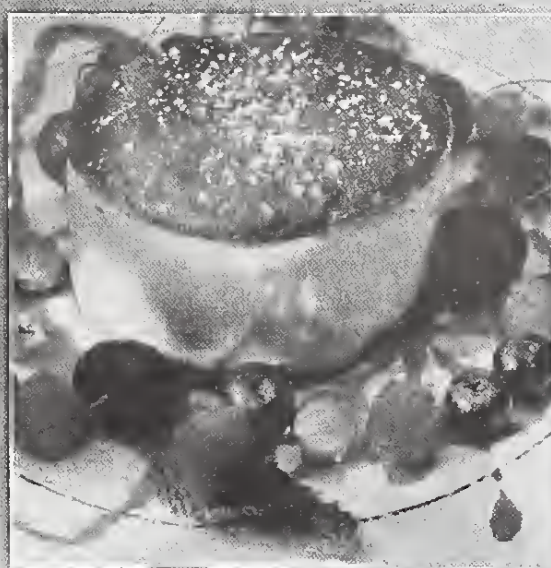
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Anti-War Coalition Plans Further Protest Events

Following its statewide "Peace Train" march and rally, which drew an estimated 750 participants to Newark last weekend, the New Jersey Coalition Against War on Iraq is sponsoring two events as part of its "Eve of Christmas/Eve of War" days of protest.

A statewide coalition of 31 groups co-coordinated by the Princeton-based Coalition for Peace Action (CFPA) and the Montclair-based New Jersey Peace Action (NJPA), the N.J. Coalition Against War on Iraq is sponsoring a "Vigil Against Nuclear Terror" at Palmer Square on Tuesday, December 17 from 5 to 6 p.m.

In addition, on Saturday, December 21, from 12 to 1 p.m., a "Vigil to Stop the War Before it Starts" will be held at Palmer Square.

The events will be part of the coalition's effort to call upon opponents of the pending war to organize local vigils, pickets, and rallies on the "Main Streets" of towns throughout the state of New Jersey from December 17 through December 22.

The aim of the events is to heighten the expression of opposition to the war on a grassroots level and to provide an opportunity to communicate that opposition to more people locally around the state.

"Some 200,000 people marched against the war in Washington DC on October 26 and over 750 hit the streets of Newark and across New Jersey on December 7," stated Madelyn Hoffman, director of the NJPA and co-coordinator of the N.J. Coalition Against War on Iraq. "Our goal now is to draw similar large numbers, not necessarily all in one place, but to actions on the streets of our cities and towns throughout New Jersey."

For more information, contact Rev. Moore of the CFPA at (609) 924-5022.

Local Fare *from Princeton's kitchens*

Sautéed Jerusalem Artichokes & Walnuts

by Ann Cashion, Chef/Owner of
Cashion's Eat Place in Washington, DC
from *Cooking Fresh from the Mid-Atlantic*,
edited by Fran McManus and Wendy Rickard,
published by Eating Fresh Publications.

Jerusalem Artichokes — also known as *Sunchokes* — are neither from Jerusalem nor are they part of the artichoke family. These gnarly, brown-skinned tubers are actually a member of the sunflower family and their name is derived from the Italian word for sunflower — *girasole*. Available throughout the winter, they are nutritious, sweet, crunchy, and packed with flavor. Jerusalem Artichokes can be eaten raw, used in making soup, or cooked as a side dish as in this simple winter recipe from one of Washington, DC's finest and most creative chefs.

Serves 4 as a side dish

1 lb. Jerusalem artichokes
1/2 cup walnuts
2 large garlic cloves
1 tbsp. olive oil
Salt and freshly ground
pepper to taste



1. Choose artichokes that are fresh and crisp. Scrape them with a paring knife to remove skin. If the skin is thick, you may need to peel it off entirely. Slice artichokes into thin cross sections, which will be irregularly shaped rounds. With a very sharp knife, slice the walnuts into thin cross sections. Finely mince the garlic.

2. To cook, heat the oil in a sauté pan over medium heat. Add the garlic, and as it starts to turn golden, add the sliced artichokes and walnuts. Toss to prevent the garlic from burning. Sauté until the artichokes are just tender and the walnuts lightly toasted. This takes only a matter of minutes, so it should be done minutes before you are ready to serve. Season with salt and pepper. This dish is excellent with roast pork.

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"Bright Futures for Kids" helps children express their feelings while learning coping skills, cooperation, responsibility, and how to maintain a drug-free lifestyle. Program components include problem

solving, decision-making, peer pressure and communication.

"We use arts and crafts, drama, and puppets to get children to express their feelings while teaching them the skills they need," said Cynthia Cesillag, who helps coordinate the program.

The Clinic has also announced a six-session weekend co-dependency program for family members and friends of those whose lives have been touched by another's addiction. A concurrent program is available for recovering addicts.

The weekend co-dependency program is offered on Saturday or Sunday and can be joined at any time. Program components include educational lectures and videos, discussion groups, and the option to attend a mental health awareness group on Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 3 p.m.

The Carrier Clinic is a private, non-profit behavioral healthcare system founded in 1910 to treat psychiatric illness and substance dependence.

The "Bright Futures for Kids" program is held in

Classroom 3 near the Atkinson Amphitheater on the Carrier Clinic campus on Route 601.

The adult co-dependency program is held every Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Atkinson Amphitheater.

For more information on either program call the community relations department at (908) 281-1513.

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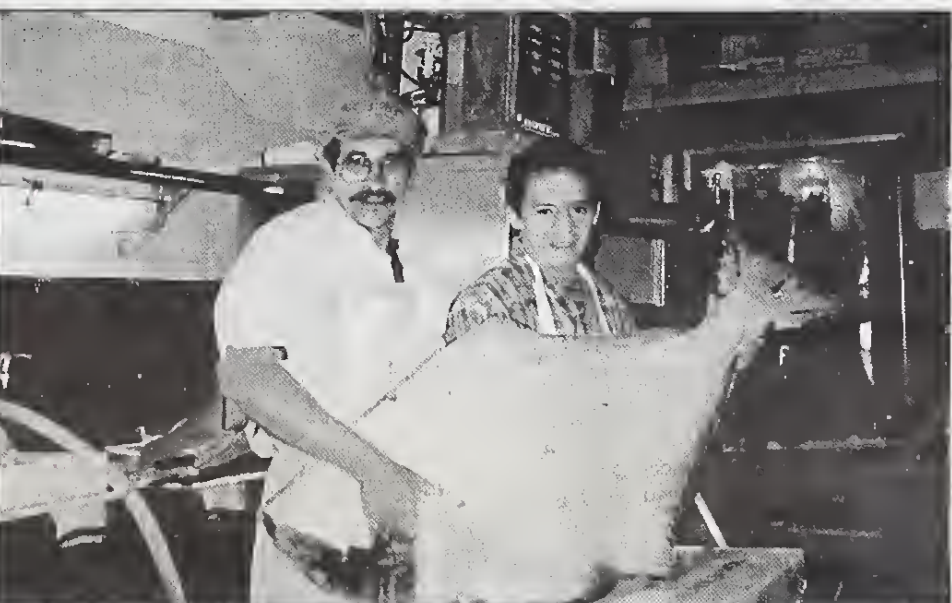
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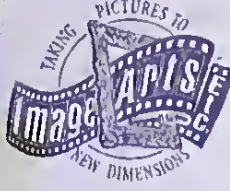
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LIGHTS OF LEARNING: Lewis School students, staff, and supporters gather in the rain Friday for the annual Tree of Light ceremony. The thousands of lights decorating the tree are intended to represent people struggling with learning and literacy who have not found the educational opportunities to help them reach their potential.

(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

Services Are Planned by Churches To Celebrate Christmas Eve and Day

Churches in Princeton will hold services on Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve; and on December 25, Christmas Day.

Following are worship schedules for many of the churches in the Princeton area, listed in alphabetical order. Others may be called for their schedules.

All Saints' Episcopal Church, 16 All Saints' Road, has scheduled a Children's Service at 3 p.m. on Christmas Eve, followed by two candlelight Eucharist services at 7:30 p.m. (nursery care

available) and 10:30 p.m. On Christmas Day there will be a service of Holy Communion at 10 a.m.

Christ Congregation Church, 50 Walnut Lane, will have a Christmas Eve candlelight service at 7:30 p.m.

The First Baptist Church, John Street and Paul Robeson Place, will have three services on Sunday, December 22, at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. (Christmas Breakfast), and 11 a.m. (Christmas concert).

The Kingston Presbyterian Church, 4565 Route 27, will hold two candlelight services on Christmas Eve. At 7 p.m. there will be a family service with bells and the Children's Choir. At 10 p.m., there will be a Lessons and Carol service with communion and the Adult Choir.

The Kingston United Methodist Church, 6 Church Street, will have a Christmas Eve candlelight service at 8 p.m.

The Lutheran Church of the Messiah, 407 Nassau Street, will hold a Candlelight Communion Service on Christmas Eve at 8 p.m., with special choir music. A Christmas Day Choral Eucharist will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m.

Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church, 170 Witherspoon Street, will offer a Christmas presentation and Singing of Carols at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 22.

The Nassau Christian Center, 26 Nassau Street, has scheduled a Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. featuring special music. A nursery will be available for children aged 2 and under.

Nassau Presbyterian Church, 61 Nassau Street, will have four services on Christmas Eve: a celebration of the Lord's Supper at noon; a 4 p.m. pageant with music provided by the Singing and Ringing Choirs for Children and Youth; a 7:30 p.m. celebration of the Lord's Supper, with music provided by the Princeton High School Choir; and a 10 p.m. service of Lessons and Carols with music provided by the church's Adult Choir.

Princeton Alliance Church, at the crossroad of Scudders Mill and Schalks Crossing Roads in Plainsboro, will hold two Christmas Eve services, at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., with child care for children under the age of 2 provided only at the 6 p.m. service.



HARMONIOUS VOICES: Princeton University a-cappella group the Tigerlillies sings for Lewis School students, parents, and supporters at the school's annual Tree of Light ceremony Friday.

(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

The Princeton University Chapel will offer two services on Christmas Eve, a Catholic Mass at 5 p.m., and a non-denominational service at 8 p.m. preceded at 7:30 p.m. by a candlelight prelude of harp and organ. Members of the Princeton High School Choir will perform at the 8 p.m. service. There will also be a Holy Communion Service on Christmas Day at 11 a.m.

The Princeton United Methodist Church, Nassau Street and Vandeventer Avenue, will hold a family candlelight service on Christmas Eve at 6 p.m., and a candlelight service at 8 p.m.

St. Paul Catholic Church, 214 Nassau Street, will have a Children's Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve at 4 p.m., a Vigil Mass at 6 p.m., a Mass in Spanish at 8 p.m., and a midnight Mass preceded by caroling at 11:30 p.m. Masses on Christmas Day will be at 7 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., and 11:30 a.m., with a Korean Mass at 3 p.m.

Trinity Episcopal Church, Crescent Avenue, Rocky Hill, will hold services Sunday, December 22, at 9:30 and 11 a.m.

On Christmas Eve, **Trinity Episcopal Church**, 33 Mercer Street, will hold a Holy Communion with carols at 12:10 p.m.; the Christmas Story with living creche for young children at 3 p.m.; a Creche Scene and Holy Communion for children of all ages at 5 p.m.; Festival Communion with Adult Choir at 8 p.m.; and, at 11 p.m., a Festival Communion with the Men, Teens, Boys and Girls Choirs and alumni. On Christmas Day, there will be a Holy Communion and Carols Service at 10 a.m.

The Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Princeton, 50 Cherry Hill Road, will hold two services on Christmas Eve. The first, at 7 p.m., will include carols, stories, readings, and traditional candle lighting. The second, "How Odd of God," will start at 9 p.m. and will focus on the ironies of the Christmas celebration.

Westerly Road Church, 37 Westerly Road, will hold two services on Christmas Eve, a family service at 6:30 p.m., featuring an original Christmas story written and read by the pastor, and a candlelight service at 11 p.m.

with reflections on the Incarnation.

Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church, 124

Witherspoon Street, will offer a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7 p.m.

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The Princeton University Chapel is located at the intersection of Washington Road and William Street.

MAILBOX

Mayor and Borough Council Members Have Usurped Control Over Development

To the Editor:

Residents of Princeton Borough have consistently resisted consolidation with Princeton Township because they want to have control over matters within Borough boundaries — especially the downtown area. The Mayor and members of the Borough Council have now seen fit to usurp that right over the "Redevelopment of Downtown Princeton."

On Tuesday, December 10, two of the Princeton Borough elected Council members stated that the residents of the Borough are too ignorant and too fickle to vote in a referendum on the "Redevelopment of Downtown Princeton." It was made clear that for these reasons the Council went out of its way to find a legal loophole that would circumvent the right of Boroughs residents to a vote on this issue.

The Borough Council has just said our efforts to maintain the autonomy and flavor of the small town are useless — that, like it or not, we are destined to be part of a larger

Mac City — where city government is controlled by large lobby groups without regard to the local population.

The sole issue here isn't whether the City Council members want the Garage/Apartment Development the issue is whether the majority of residents of the Borough want it. And the only possible way of finding that out is for a referendum vote to be held.

All of this gives rise to several questions which need to be answered, honestly and openly, by the Council. Who — or what entity — holds such sway over them that they would fail in the fundamental precept of their elected office — "to serve the wishes and desires of the local community as a whole?" Why are they striving so hard to keep the local community from having a vote on this issue?

JAY, KARYN AND LAUREN MILNER
Nassau Street

Architect Jeremiah Ford Is Requested To Work With Community on His Plan

To the Editor:

In a recent letter to the Town Topics (December 11 issue), Jeremiah Ford, architect of the proposed expansion of the Princeton Shopping Center, responded to critics of his plan and invited the community to "work with him" and view the plan in a larger context. That sounds very reasonable to me.

I would like to respond by inviting Mr. Ford and the owner of the shopping center, in turn, to work with the community and view the plan in our context as well.

Mr. Ford's "larger context" includes fear of the economic failure of the shopping center, with attendant loss of profit for its owner. This questionable conclusion is apparently derived from a loose comparison of the failure of suburban strip malls to a lively shopping plaza supported by a real town. Mr. Ford's larger context also apparently includes a willingness to characterize opponents to his plan as though they were naively stuck in the 1950s.

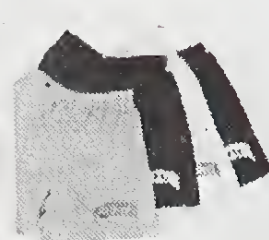
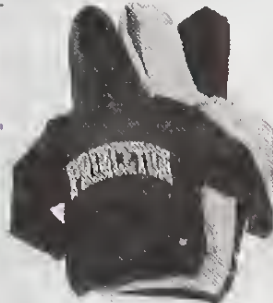
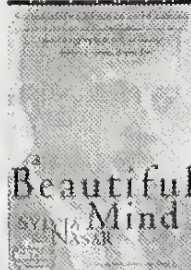
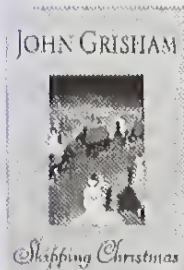
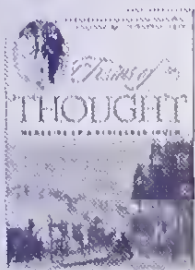
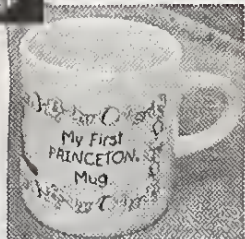
The community, understandably, has a different context. The community first heard of this plan for a large expansion in newspaper accounts that read like a press release from Mr. Ford's office, complete with strong endorsements from local politicians. Hence, the community rightly fears that something is moving fast and out of control with no input from those who would be most affected.

Judging from letters to the editor and conversations with my friends and neighbors, there would likely be common ground for senior housing and perhaps even a modest office complex. But two seven-story towers, with two three-story parking garages to support them? Mayor Marchand and Mr. Ford might be inspired by all of this, but many question the need for the scale of the proposed expansion and hope our planning and zoning officials will not grant a variance to support it.

Mr. Ford, if you want us to "work with you", end the name-calling and work with us. Perhaps the Mayor would consider holding a community forum in our current "Agora"? Now that's an inspiration we might all share.

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Winter Creates Unsuitable Conditions For Employees of McCaffrey's

To the Editor:

Winter has arrived in Princeton and there is no place more obvious than the recently renovated checkout counters of McCaffrey's Market at the Princeton Shopping Center. On a recent December visit to McCaffrey's, I finished my shopping and entered the check-out counter to be greeted by one of the always pleasant cashiers. Only on this visit, the cashier was bundled up in a winter jacket. I quickly looked around and every other cashier at McCaffrey's was also wearing a winter jacket. Soon, I understood why. Another customer had paid their bill and was on their way out of the store. The electric door at the exit opened and immediately an unbearable cold gust of air blasted through the door right down the row of cashiers. The door opened a number of times as I was checking out and I wished I had brought my winter jacket along too. I asked the cashier if they had any plans to change the layout of the door to improve both the working conditions and the shopping experience. The cashier sarcastically said, "as long as we keep showing up at work they won't do anything about it."

Then, I looked over at the employee bagging groceries at the next register. The employee was blowing his nose into a tissue that looked as though it had been used a number of times through out the day. I thought to myself this employee might touch my food. I decided to approach the store manager as he walked by and asked him if he had any plans of changing the door. He explained the owners had been notified of the condition.

Clearly it looked as though nothing had been done in the short term to improve the working conditions for these employees. Employees were cold, employees were sick, and customers were greeted by the first signs of winter before they even left the store. I remember when McCaffrey's first opened in Princeton there were protests against the chain for avoiding the union. If these employees are still non-union there is no reason for upper level management to immediately improve the conditions. If the statement the cashier made above is true it will only delay the change. As customers of McCaffrey's we have a strong voice. Let's join together and give Jim McCaffrey a piece of our mind to improve the work conditions for the employees of our local food market. Fill out a satisfaction card next time you are at McCaffrey's and send it in immediately so we can have a more pleasant shopping experience and healthy faces greeting us as we checkout of the store.

MICHELLE GILLER
Herrontown Road

James J. McCaffrey III, McCaffrey's President Responds:

To the Editor:

I am in receipt of your letter to the editors of the Town Topics and Princeton Packet about the cold working conditions at our Princeton store. I agree with you that we have a condition that needs to be corrected and wanted to let you know we've been feverishly working to solve the problem. In fact, we have had people in the store everyday for the last week and a half addressing the problem. As I am being told, it's not just as simple as relocating doors, but relates to the entire ventilation and heating system. The store is experiencing a negative air pressure problem which compensates by pulling air into the store every time the doors open. Please be assured that this problem will be corrected as soon as possible.

Lastly, I view our associates as our most important asset and no one is more concerned about their well being and working conditions than I. This problem has had my full attention and will continue to until I am satisfied that we again will have a pleasant working environment.

Supporters of Annual Benefit Thanked By Historical Society of Princeton

To the Editor:

We are very grateful for all the support the Historical Society received for our annual benefit. The benefit raises a substantial amount of funds for our educational programming each year. We feel fortunate that with all of the other critical charitable needs we face, our community also recognizes the need for maintaining a strong and viable Historical Society.

We are particularly pleased to honor William H. Scheide with the Historical Society's Individual Leadership award this year, and the Glenmede Trust Company of New Jersey with the Corporate Leadership Award. Their longstanding generosity and support are very much appreciated by all of us associated with the Society.

We would like to thank many area residents and businesses for their help, and their gifts and contributions. We appreciate the generosity of our sponsors who underwrote much of the costs of the event: First Union National Bank-Wachovia; Glenmede Trust Company of New Jersey; PNC Advisors;

Also the Arts Council of Princeton; Bristol-Myers Squibb; Columbia Management/Fleet; Charles Schwab; Lear & Pannepacker, LLP; Pharmacopela; Princeton Construction Group; Smith, Stratton, Wise, Heher & Brennan, LLP; and U.S. Trust Company.

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We would also like to express our thanks to the many businesses and individuals who supported our auction and program book. Donors to our first-ever live auction included Mr. and Mrs. William Ellis, Hopewell House Wine and Liquors, Main Street Catering, Mrs. F. Robert Michael, Miele, and Nancy and Guy Woelk. Eighty donors to the Silent Auction helped make the event a big success.

Our deepest gratitude goes to all of our benefactors, patrons, guests, and individual contributors who attended or were associated with this year's event.

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CBD's Development Garage Project Anchors Residential Life in Downtown

To the Editor:

I support Princeton's central business district (CBD) development/garage project because, better than other parking alternatives, it protects the sanctity of Princeton's residential neighborhoods and anchors residential life in our downtown.

The proposed development project soberly responds to Princeton's parking shortage. A parking study conducted by the Borough several years ago confirmed what many of us experience — the CBD lacks adequate parking. Compounding this problem, the new library needs additional spaces, and we can anticipate greater parking demand in light of central New Jersey's ever-growing congestion.

Borough Council's focus on a downtown development/garage project reflects its choice for a parking solution that preserves Princeton's residential neighborhoods. Other alternatives considered by the Borough sought to relieve CBD parking pressure by pushing downtown employees and visitors into non-CBD locations.

For example, the plan to remove two-hour time limits on residential streets would have made the John Witherspoon, Western Section, and Madison/Jefferson/Moore Street neighborhoods into public parking lots. The downtown development project keeps parkers where they are headed and belong, in the CBD.

The Borough's downtown proposal also enhances Princeton's residential character by focusing on residential development and creating a plaza next to the new library. These core elements grow out community input involving hundreds of Princeton residents, merchants, Borough staff, as well as design and finance consultants. This residential focus will help ensure that Princeton's downtown remains a home for individuals who live in the Borough, not just those who visit it.

Most importantly, the Council's proposal is attractive and balances the Borough's goal for an aesthetically desirable and financially doable solution. Over the past four years, the Borough has considered a wide variety of development proposals with both smaller and larger garages. The Borough also contemplated non-garage alternatives, including a

dressed-up surface lot and a parking self. None of these ideas meet the Borough's aesthetic and financial objectives as successfully as the one presented by Borough Council.

If passed, the proposed development project will transform what had been an asphalt eyesore into a vibrant residential hub.

RYAN STARK LILIENTHAL
Maple Street

Would a Survey of Residents Be Better Than a Referendum on Redevelopment?

To the Editor:

Many of us are increasingly concerned about the divisiveness arising in our community regarding the downtown development program. The divisiveness is not only between various groups of citizens but also, increasingly, between the citizens and the Mayor and Council. This is regrettable. Is that not a situation where the democratic process should come in, where votes are cast and counted?

The problems I see are twofold. A "referendum" is considered to be a legally defined and complex approach, therefore avoided by some on Borough Council. On the other hand, the problem we have is not one of black and white, of doing the proposed downtown development or none. The problem is one of degree and style, as presented at the last Borough Council meeting. A "yes-or-no" referendum, most likely, is not the proper approach to bring voter preferences to light if the choice is one of degree and style.

What we need, and what is suggested hereby, is a quick survey of more specific voter concerns or preferences.

The Borough should send out, within a week, a short survey form to each household incorporating, as an example, the following questions or options to "check". The answers should be returned within two weeks thereafter:

What is your preference regarding downtown development? Leave the downtown area as it was, open parking; Do some partial, moderate development; Do a scaled down version of the proposed development; Continue with the development project as is.

What are your main reasons for wanting everything to be left as before?

Financial reasons (cost of project); Preference for open parking as opposed to a multi-story garage; Concern about additional traffic downtown; Appearance; Preference for an open area rather than a garage structure; Other (please specify).

What do you mainly want to see if a partial, moderate development was chosen?

Additional parking; An open plaza for public use; Some stores and restaurants; Would you be concerned if less parking became available than we have now? Would you be concerned if this option was less economical than the proposed project? Other comments, preferences, or concerns (please specify).

What do you want to be scaled down or modified with the proposed project?

The bulk of the garage; The bulk of the apartment building; The architectural style of the apartment building; The size of the public plaza; Would you be concerned if less parking became available than we have now? Would you be concerned if this option was less economical than the proposed project? Other (please specify).

Why do you propose the continuing with the proposed project?

Financial reasons; Parking capacity; Apartment addition; Style; What else do you specifically like about the proposed development project? Other reasons (please specify).

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Deer Feeding

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the ordinance was "arbitrary, capricious, or unreasonable," a determination that would have justified its removal.

"The Township's goals in enacting the ordinance were simple," wrote Judge Feinberg in her decision, "to combat the negative impacts of the deer overpopulation, notably, to limit the damage to the environment, to limit the spread of disease, and to limit the number of deer-related motor vehicle accidents."

"Thus," she continued, "to the extent that feeding tends to contribute to or exacerbate any one of these problems ... feeding must be banned."

While Township officials expressed pleasure at the decision, the plaintiffs' attorneys are already preparing an appeal.

"I'm very pleased for the community that the judge upheld our ordinance," said Princeton Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand. "It is one of many parts of our multifaceted deer management program, and it should help us to achieve our goal of a number of deer that we can environmentally sustain here."

"We feel that there are some problems with the decision," said Falk Engel, who —

along with attorneys Bruce Afran and Carl Mayer — filed the lawsuit. "This was a case about property rights, about the right to use land for recreational purposes. The judge has rendered a ruling that is now in conflict with the state on private property rights, and we feel that this decision has to be appealed."

According to Mr. Engel, as part of a larger case brought against the Township concerning its deer management program on December 13, 2001, the appeal regarding the feeding ordinance will be included within the case currently before the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

The ordinance in question, originally adopted on November 26, 2000, states that "no person shall purposely or knowingly" feed white-tailed deer on either public or private land within Princeton Township.

It further states that any person shall be considered to be feeding deer unless the feed is placed on a platform that is raised at least four feet off the ground or is placed in a feeder whose opening is "sufficiently restricted" in order to prevent deer from accessing the feed.

According to Judge Feinberg's decision, the plaintiffs in the case — including the Mercer County Deer Alliance, the New Jersey Animals

Rights Alliance, the New Jersey Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and 21 Township residents — contended that the ordinance was unconstitutional because it limited "the rights of Princeton Township residents to use their property and engage in constitutionally protected conduct."

They further asserted that the Township had not demonstrated a "substantial relationship between the ordinance and any legitimate public health, safety, or general welfare purpose."

Quantities of Feed

After hearing testimony from several experts, Judge Feinberg wrote, "what is in fact taking place in the Township is not the offering of small, so-called 'recreational' quantities of feed, but certain property owners are offering upwards of 250 to 500 pounds per week."

"The only responsible way to develop a successful deer management program," she concluded, "is to ban the feeding of deer on private and public property."

With its ordinance upheld for the time being, the Township continues to prepare for another season of culling under its deer management program.

"Our hope is that with the ordinance now able to be enforced, we will be able to contact the 10 or so property owners who are now feeding the deer and gain access to their property," said Township attorney Edwin Schmierer, "particularly in those areas where we want to enact some of the non-lethal components of the program."

On Monday night, Township Committee unanimously approved a professional services agreement with White Buffalo, the Connecticut-based wildlife management firm that has been hired by the Township to conduct the first two years of its deer management program and that has culled a total of 625 deer in that time.

The \$160,930 agreement calls for a third year of culling and the institution of immunocontraception as a non-lethal alternative within the deer management program, subject to the 2003 budget and the approval of the program by the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife.

After some discussion, Township Committee also approved the possibility of a separate professional services agreement for the implementation of sterilization as another non-lethal alternative, although a suitable contractor has not yet been located.

Lethal Strategies

Since its inception in March 2001, the Township's deer management program has implemented lethal strategies in an effort to curb the overpopulation of the local deer herd.

Mr. Schmierer stated that a helicopter deer count performed last week by Anthony DeNicola, president of White Buffalo, concluded that a total of 680 to 750 deer remain within the Township. Members of the Deer Management Evaluation Committee have stated that the optimum density for the local herd is 20 deer per square mile, or 320 deer throughout the Township.

Initially designed to run for

five years, the deer management program has included the use of silenced sharpshooters and — starting last year — a net-and-bolt method whereby deer are captured in a net and then euthanized with a retractable bolt. Princeton Township is the only municipality in the state to employ the method.

Contraception

On December 2, Township Committee approved a resolution — based upon the recommendations of the Deer Management Evaluation Committee — to enact a third year of culling as well as

introduce both a \$50,000 immunocontraception and a \$10,000 sterilization pilot program to its deer management program should the 2003 budget allow for such non-lethal alternatives.

In addition, Township Committee approved the development of an environmental system to monitor the effect of deer on forest regeneration, the maintenance of the Township's pilot reflector program, and the inclusion of an observer from the Humane Society of the United States should the program utilize its net-and-bolt method.

Following the endorsement of Township Committee, the resolution regarding next year's management program requires the approval of the state Division of Fish and Wildlife in order to be enacted.

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Wednesday, December 18

6:30 p.m.: "Carols of Many Nations"; Miller Chapel, Princeton Theological Seminary. Also at 8:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.: Human Services Commission; 380 Witherspoon Street, lower level.

Thursday, December 19

7:30 p.m.: A Christmas Carol; McCarter Theatre. Also Friday at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday at 1 and 5:30 p.m., Monday at 7:30 p.m., and Tuesday at noon and 4 p.m.

8 p.m.: Borough Zoning Board of Adjustment; Borough Hall.

Friday, December 20

8 p.m.: Lies & Legends; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 21

11 a.m.: Talks for Children, "It's Raining Snakes and Serpents," Norman Eiger, docent; Princeton University Art Museum.

Noon-2 p.m.: Nassau Brass, Courtyard, Princeton Shopping Center.

4 p.m.: Christmas Concert, Westminster Conservatory Chamber Singers; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

8 p.m.: The American Boychoir, A Ceremony of Carols; Princeton University Chapel.

Sunday, December 22

3 p.m.: Greater Trenton Symphony Orchestra Holiday Spectacular; Patriots Theater, War Memorial, Trenton

4 p.m.: American Boychoir Carols and holiday favorites Richardson Auditorium.

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SENIORS CELEBRATE THE SEASON: Spruce Circle resident Estelle Johnson talks with Susan Hoskins, director of the Princeton Senior Resource Center, and her husband Scott Hoskins at the Senior Resource Center's holiday party, held Friday afternoon at the Nassau Presbyterian Church. (Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

8 p.m.: "A Modern and Ancient Christmas; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College. also Monday at 8 p.m.

Tuesday, December 24

Noon: A Christmas Carol; McCarter Theatre. Also at 4 p.m.; Friday at 3 and 7:30 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday at 1 and 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25 Christmas

5 p.m.: Township Committee; Township Hall.

Friday, December 27

8 p.m.: Lies & Legends; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

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The Junior League of Greater Princeton's fall provisional class will partner with the Family Guidance Center's "Family Recovery Group," in Trenton.

From now through January 2, the League will implement a three-stage developmental program for approximately 20 members of at-risk families. The multiphase program is targeted at providing necessary relationship building and life skills training for the families currently enrolled in the Recovery Group.

Beginning in mid-December with a Self-Esteem Workshop and continuing through late January with a session on Financial Fundamentals, the Junior League and Family Guidance Center will provide resources and activities throughout the holiday season in an effort to help these families rebuild, repair and restore.

The Family Guidance Center provides community-based services to a culturally diverse population through its programs in mental health, addiction, family and financial counseling and education. The Family Recovery Group program focuses on families in crisis that are at risk of losing custody of their children or have been mandated by the courts to seek counseling from the Family Guidance Center.

On Thursday, December 19, **55PLUS** will hear a presentation by Yang Lu, Ph. D., entitled "Buddhism in Medieval Chinese Society: its Legacy in Developing a Chinese National Identity." The meeting will be at the Jewish Center of Princeton at 10 a.m.

Dr. Lu is an assistant professor of East Asian Studies at Princeton University, specializing in the middle period of Chinese history. He did his undergraduate study at Peking University and graduate study at the University of Vienna in the field of Sanskrit and Indology. In 1999 he received his Ph.D. from Princeton University in Chinese history. He has published several articles in Tang history and medieval Buddhism, and is currently finishing a study of the historical changes in eighth and ninth century China.

55PLUS is a non-sectarian group formed to promote social contacts and friendships among men who are either retired or who have flexible working hours. It meets on the first and third Thursday mornings of each month except June, July and August, to discuss a wide range of topics with prominent speakers.

The Princeton Singles has scheduled a canal walk for Saturday, December 21, at 10 a.m., weather permitting. Admission is free; adults 55 and older are invited to attend.

The canal walkers will meet at the Winepress restaurant, 4484 Highway 27 in Kingston, at 10 a.m. For reservations call (609) 896-1170.

MONEY ON THE GAME? Up-to-the-minute scores in each issue of TOWN TOPICS.



CHRISTMAS LINE: Children wait with their families to meet a bilingual Santa at the Medical Center at Princeton clinic on Friday evening. Coordinated by clinic staff, 33 departments of the Medical Center and several outside groups hosted a Christmas party and bought gifts for 48 local families. (Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)



FELIZ NAVIDAD: Four-year-old Jocelin Rodriguez of Princeton sits on Santa's lap Friday evening at the Medical Center clinic's holiday party. (Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

Garage Vote Likely To Be Postponed Until Mid-January

Due to a production error only a portion of this page one article appeared in the December 11 issue. The full article follows.

Borough Council's vote on whether to go ahead with construction of the downtown garage and related development will probably not take place on December 17, as had been previously announced. The Council vote is dependent on having a guaranteed maximum price from Nassau HKT. "We don't have this on hand, so Council will not be in a position to vote on the developer's agreement by the 17th," said Mayor Marvin Reed on Monday. "Some [Council members] feel that even if we got it tomorrow, it still wouldn't give us time to compute finances and present a decent body of information." A vote on the project is tentatively scheduled for some time in January.

The Mayor added that there has been discussion with Nassau HKT about authorizing further engineering work even if the developer's agreement has not been signed. This would permit Nassau HKT to proceed with drawings and specifications that would make it possible for the firm to order the garage's required prefabricated concrete units. The process of placing these units into the site would have to begin by April in order for

the work to be completed by December 2003, said Mayor Reed.

The engineering work required would cost an additional \$300,000. This would bring the cost of the project so far to just under a million dollars. According to the Mayor's office, the total amount authorized to date is \$676,650.

It is possible, said Mayor Reed, that Council might vote the \$13.5 million bonding for the redevelopment project into place on December 17, with the understanding that the bond resolution would be on hold until the developer's agreement was signed. He

pointed out that authorizing bonding is not the same as going out into the bond market, and that bonding the project does not mean it has been approved.

Referendum Pressure

Responding to pressure by some residents for a referendum on the project — which Borough attorneys say would have to be a non-binding one — Mayor Reed said there was no basis for such a referendum. He added that Council had pretty much decided not to go this route.

At least one Council member, however, differs. Roger Martindeli urges in a Letter to the Editor in the December 11 issue of Town Topics that the Borough hold such a referendum. He also asks those interested in this to lobby Mayor and Council to authorize it. Mr. Martindeli has stated that he will not vote for the redevelopment complex, which is composed of a 500-space garage, a public plaza and walkways, and two residential buildings with retail on the first floor.

At Council meeting on December 10, the meeting room was filled with people, almost all opposing the redevelopment. The numbers were made clear when, near the end of the discussion, a Jefferson Road resident gave mild support to the project. At the end of his comments — which concluded with his saying that he and many of his neighbors appreciate the time Council has put into the redevelopment project — approximately six people in the audience of well over one hundred applauded.

Former Borough Council member and mayoral hopeful

Mark Freda began the discussion by saying that the project doesn't come close to solving the town's parking problem. He also said the \$13.5 million estimated is not the full cost, and he questioned whether Council should take on the role of developer in the downtown.

Vociferous Opponent

One of the most vociferous opponents of the redevelopment, Jim Firestone, asked Council to meet with him so he could present a design for a two-level parking deck. He said this could be built for one third the cost of the garage, and that it would provide two piazzas and several walking paths.

He then asked for the assistance of Borough Engineer Carl Peters to work with him on the design before presenting it to the public.

As Councilwoman Wendy Benchley prepared to speak, she was visibly taken aback

by a loud shout of "We're angry" from the audience. She then said, "We are working very hard to make the development self-supporting." "There is a whole underbelly of people who work in restaurants," said Herb Tuchman of PJ's Pancake House. He added, "This garage and apartments are not intended for them and middle class people. The elderly and people who don't have much money will be pushed out." A Mercer Street resident predicted that people will come on buses to rob the people [who live in the proposed new apartments]. She said Council was turning the Borough into a city.

At this point, the garage debate ended for the evening. But it shows no signs in the next weeks of concluding permanently.

—Myrna K. Bearse

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ANSWER: Gee, a simple request! As I have neither the luxury of a book, nor even an article, but only a mere column, please forgive the paucity of my reply. But, it's an interesting question, and I would like you to consider my answer as my Christmas gift to you. It boils down to four comments:

1. All people are insecure: When I was young, I thought that over the hill were all these "normal" people, and that one day, I would grow up and be like them. I thought that passage to maturity might occur at 18, or 25, perhaps 30, but certainly 40! However, what I have learned is that all people feel insecure, and that there are no "normal" people, just people who hide their insecurity behind a mask.

2. Take off your mask: The admission of weakness is the beginning of strength. Take off your mask whatever it may be, as it is far less impressive than the true person hiding underneath. The compulsive workaholic proclaims his worth by his job. The narcissistic snob puts you down to make him feel up. The paranoid bully hides his fear of you by making you scared of him. Why work so hard for so long to be so little?

3. Love yourself: Accept and love yourself for who you are instead of what you do. You are a unique creation of God, more beautiful than the finest work of art.

4. Live your life: See each day as a challenge to grow instead of a drudgery to endure. Weave the tapestry of your life by lovingly intertwining it with the lives of others, who, like you, have bravely faced the creation of self. And do not fear death, as it is merely God's acceptance of your choices in life. If you have chosen the love of others, then you will hold the key to eternal happiness.

Have a very blessed Christmas!

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Sports

Wallace Continues to Progress but Tiger Men's Basketball Falls to Rutgers

With the frontcourt of the Princeton University men's basketball team having been hit with injuries to key players, sophomore Judson Wallace has been called on to play a bigger role for the Tigers.

Wallace, a 6'9, 220-pound center who didn't start a game as a freshman, has responded to the challenge, becoming a vital part of Princeton's inside game in the absence of Konrad Wysocki, who hasn't played at all this season due to a foot injury, and Andre Logan, whose troublesome knee has limited him to three games.

The Atlanta native has been the Tigers' leading rebounder all season and served notice early that he was going to be a key cog for the Tigers as he made the all-tourney team at the Sooner Invitational in the first

weekend of the season.

Wallace made another key stride forward last Saturday against Rutgers as he battled for a career-high 15 points and pulled down 12 rebounds but it was not enough as the Tigers fell 76-70 to the Scarlet Knights before 5,117 at Jadwin Gym.

Princeton's failure to get over the hump against Rutgers left Wallace frustrated but optimistic. "We played well, we just had a couple of lapses," said a rueful Wallace, who is now averaging 9.0 points and 7.7 rebounds per game.

"We had a couple of key runs but they answered, I commend them for being able to do that. After a game we lose everybody is kind of hanging their heads but today it was like we really played well although we can obviously play better. We should've won that game."

While Wallace is relishing his opportunity to make a greater impact with Wysocki and Logan out, he maintains it hasn't changed his approach to the game.

"To tell you the truth, whether those guys are in there or not, I feel like every rebound

should be mine so I try to get every rebound," said Wallace, who averaged 2.5 points and 1.8 rebounds a game in the 21 contests he got into as a freshman.

"I feel like my job every game is to rebound, that's what I'm expected to do. If I don't get 10-12 rebounds in a game, I feel like I'm letting the team down."

Tiger head coach John Thompson III did not feel let down even though his team came up on the short end against Rutgers. "That's a good team we played, I think we showed improvement in some areas," said Thompson, whose team fell to 3-3 with the setback.

"I think we're making progress and I just told the team that. We are a better team today than we were last week and my goal is for us to keep getting better as we progress towards league play. I also just told them that I wish we could improve and get better and win a few of these games."

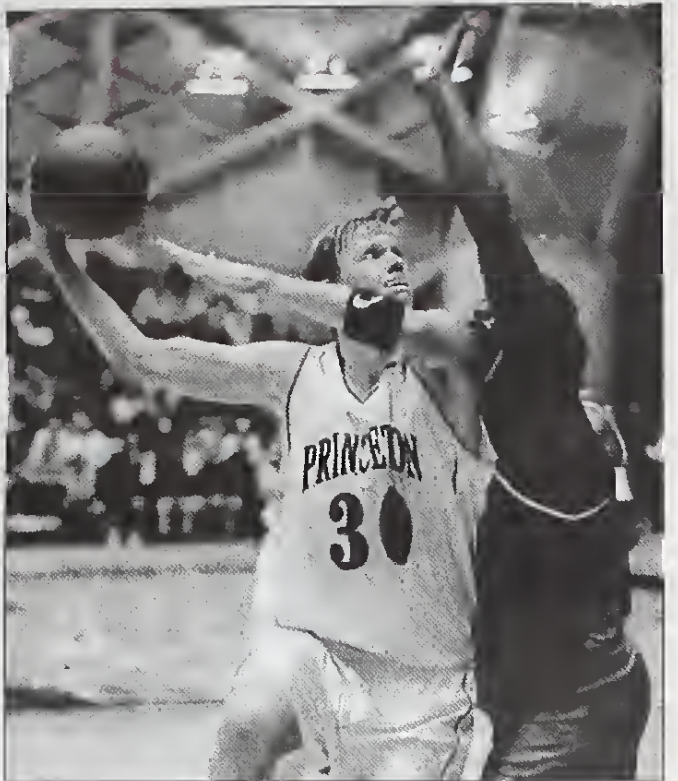
The Tigers came agonizingly close to a breakthrough as they pushed Rutgers (5-2) from the start, trading baskets as neither team led by more than six in the first half and the Knights took a 34-30 lead into the dressing room.

Rutgers extended their lead to nine early in the second half but the Tigers battled back narrowing the gap to two with 6:41 remaining and four with 1:06 left. The Knights, however, made eight free throws in the last minute to hold off the Tigers and escape to New Brunswick with a hard-earned win.

In addition to Wallace's contribution, Princeton got a season-high 26 points from sharpshooting forward Spencer Gloger and 14 points from Will Venable, whose slashing drives frequently got him to the free throw line where he went 10-10 for the evening.

Rutgers head coach Gary Waters acknowledged that the win didn't come easy for his squad. "I thought the game went in runs and we just had more runs than they did," said Waters.

"I thought a big part of that game was right before the half when we went into a two-three zone and they got stymied for about two min-



STATEMENT GAME: Princeton University center Judson Wallace puts up a hook last Saturday in the intrastate clash with visiting Rutgers which saw Princeton lose 76-70. Wallace, a sophomore from Atlanta, registered a career-high 15 points against the Scarlet Knights.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

utes. To put them away wasn't an offensive thing, what we had to do was to shut them down. We have more confidence in each other, the main thing is that we believe in each other."

Thompson hopes the Tigers can develop that kind of self-belief as they head into a tortuous segment of the schedule that includes a matchup with Rider on December 18 at Trenton's Sovereign Bank Arena, a game against No. 7 Texas on December 22 that will be aired on ESPN and a trip to the Cable Car Classic in Santa Clara, Calif., for a game against Texas A&M on December 27 and a contest with either Santa Clara or Mississippi Valley State the next night.

"We're 3-3 right now, we've played a tough stretch and we have a tough stretch ahead," said Thompson, who is now 35-26 in his tenure heading the Tigers.

"We just have to play better for longer stretches to eliminate mental mistakes at key points of the game. I think the team is getting the feel of when to look for what and how to get in situations to take advantage of their teammates' strengths."

Wallace, for his part, believes the Tigers can use their strengths to make a breakthrough against top competition. "The way this team is, we know we can beat anyone in the nation," asserted Wallace. "Last year, we had Maryland (the eventual national champion) down by 13 at half (before losing 61-53), and we know that if we play well we can beat anybody and that's what we're going to think going into Texas."

If the Tigers collectively can match the strides made by Wallace, they may do more than just scare their bigger name foes.

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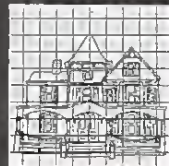


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Tiger Men's Ice Hockey Poised to End Slump

The way Mike Patton sees it, the Princeton University men's ice hockey team is on the verge of breaking out of its season-long slump.

While the sophomore center made no effort to hide his disappointment after the Tigers lost 4-3 in overtime to UMass last Wednesday before 1,339 at Baker Rink to fall to 1-13, Patton was able to see plenty of positives as he assessed the team's effort.

"That was a frustrating loss, the guys showed up and gave everything they had, played as a team and did everything we had to do to win except taking that last step," said Patton, who scored a goal and an assist to leave him with four goals and five assists on the season.

"I think the team is coming together really well, we're learning what it takes to win. We have a lot of young guys on the team and in time we're going to be a great team, it's just a matter of putting the little things together."

Patton sees the effort against UMass, which improved to 10-6 with the win and plays in the formidable Hockey East Conference that includes such perennial powers as Boston University, Boston College and Maine, as a clear sign that the Tigers are headed in the right direction.

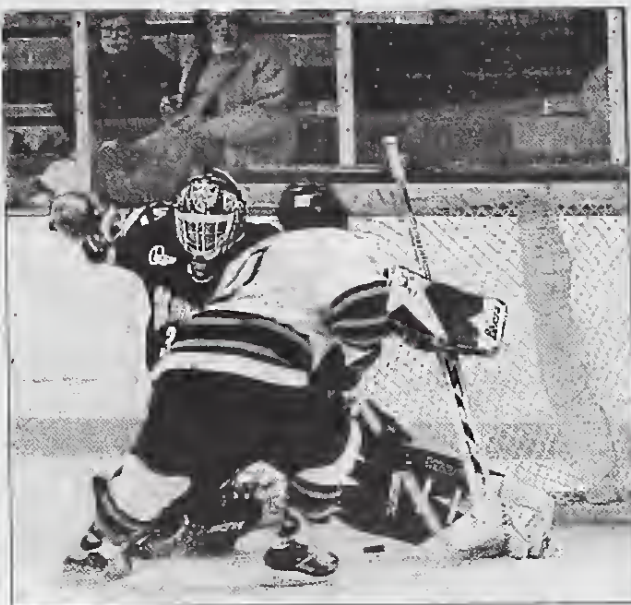
"I think this is going to give us some life, we know we're a team that can win," said Patton, whose goal with just under three minutes remaining in regulation forced overtime. "We've been having some tough times lately but we know we took a great team like UMass to overtime and that we could've easily had the win."

Princeton, which has now lost eight straight games, showed plenty of fight as it came back from deficits of 2-0 and 3-2 to force overtime. The Tigers' valiant effort, which came on the night marking the return of Don Cahoon, the current UMass coach who headed Princeton from 1991-2000, went for naught as Thomas Pock scored 2:37 into the extra session to give the Minutemen (10-6) the win.

Cahoon, for his part, agreed with Patton's view as he analyzed the performance turned in by the youthful Tigers, whose roster includes eight freshmen and four sophomores.

"As much as I wanted to win that game, I felt real bad for them because I know how difficult it is to lose a game like that," said Cahoon, who posted a 122-129-32 mark in his nine seasons at Princeton and led the Tigers to an NCAA tournament appearance in the 1997-98 season.

"They have to believe in themselves and if they keep working hard, good things are going to happen to them. I was real impressed with them, they did a great job staying resilient, they were down and got themselves back into it."



BREAKAWAY: Princeton University left wing Chris Owen scores the Tigers' first goal last Wednesday in their 4-3 overtime loss to UMass at Baker Rink. Owen, a junior from Westwood, Mass., is Princeton's leading scorer with seven goals and three assists.

(Photo by Xolquetzal Martinez)

Princeton head coach Len Quesnelle, who was a longtime assistant for Cahoon before succeeding him, knew that his young team needed some prodding to show its mettle. With the Tigers down 2-0 midway through the second period he called a timeout to light a fire under the squad.

"I saw us running around our defensive zone giving up all sort of gaps on players," said Quesnelle, explaining the reasoning behind the timeout. "We were back on our heels, a lot of that is youth."

Quesnelle was happy with the way the Tigers responded as they got goals by Chris Owen and Luke Young in the last 10 minutes of the period knotted the game going into the final 20 minutes of regulation.

"I saw a lot of bright spots out there tonight," said Quesnelle. "I liked the way our power play was moving the puck. Mike Patton had a terrific game and Chris Owen has really picked up his game a couple of levels in the last four-five games. I think that all of the pieces are there, it's just a matter of making sure the pieces stay positive."

With the Tigers taking an interlude to travel to England to play four exhibition games between December 15-19, Quesnelle thinks the change of scenery will do his squad some good. "I think it's going to be a great trip, it'll be a good time for the guys to try some different things," said Quesnelle, whose squad returns to regular season action on December 27 with a game against Wayne State in the Rensselaer Tournament. "It's a great opportunity for the team to stay together and that's what we need to do right now."

Patton, for one, believes the team is bonding as it fights through its current dry spell. "It's not like we're happy-go-lucky, we're 1-13 but everyone is doing a good job of doing what they have to do," said Patton. "They come to the rink everyday with a positive attitude and we'll get through it without a doubt. The guys all feel like this is going to get better."

—Bill Alden



CLEAR SIGNAL: Princeton defenseman Matt Maglione looks to clear the puck last Wednesday in the Tigers' 4-3 overtime loss to UMass. (Photo by Xolquetzal Martinez)

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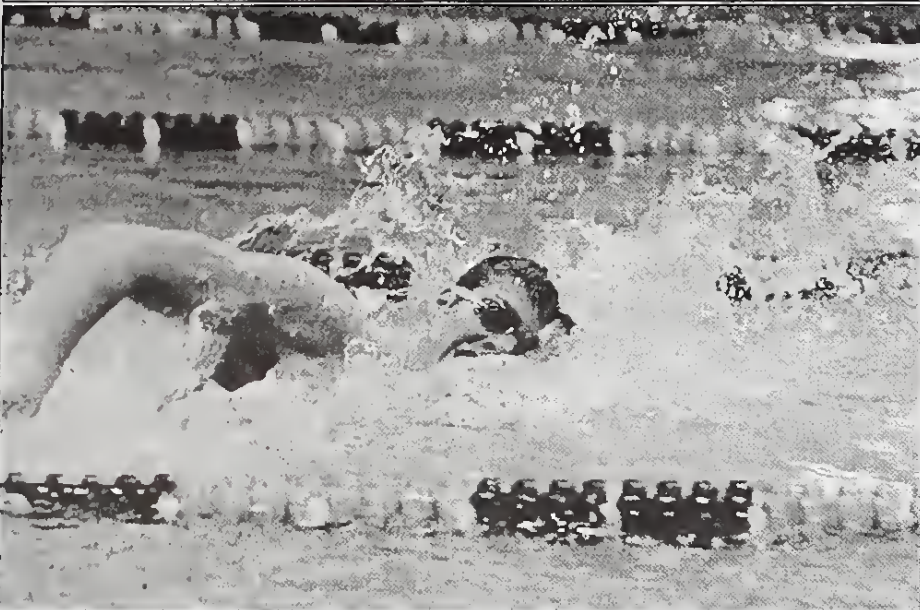
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STROKES OF GENIUS: Princeton University seniors Jess Gage (top) and Carl Hessler in action last Wednesday as the Tigers topped Army 173-124 to remain undefeated on the season. The Tigers captured nine of 13 events against Army with Hessler winning the 100-yard butter fly and both helping the 200-yard medley relay team to a victory. The Tigers will next be in action on January 26 when they travel to Dartmouth.

(Photos by Xochiquetzal Martinez)

Tiger Men's Squash Wins 5-Man Nat'l Title

With freshman Yasser El-Halaby leading the way, the Princeton men's squash team beat Trinity 4-1 last Sunday in Hartford to win the Five-Man National Championship.

El-Halaby, a native of Cairo, Egypt, beat defending national intercollegiate champion Bernardo Samper in four games at No. 1 to spark the Tigers. The Princeton 'A' team, which beat two New York professional teams on Saturday to make it to the final, also included David Yik

(No. 2), Will Evans (No. 3), Dan Rutherford (No. 4) and Eric Pearson (No. 5).

The men's team next match is a home contest on January 29 against Penn.

Tiger Women's Hockey Splits with Ohio State

Being held scoreless for the first time this season, the Princeton University women's ice hockey team lost 4-0 to Ohio State last Saturday at Baker Rink.

The Tigers, now 8-4-2, started the weekend by beating the Buckeyes 1-0 on Friday on a goal by freshman Gretchen Anderson.

Princeton is off for the holidays with its next game coming on January 4 at Boston College.

Schaeffer's Outburst Aids Tiger Women's Hoops

Led by Kelly Schaeffer's biggest game of the season, the Princeton University women's basketball team beat Hofstra 89-71 last Wednesday at Jadwin Gym.

Schaeffer, a junior, scored a game-high 23 points as the Tigers poured in 58 points in the second half to overcome a 37-31 halftime deficit and improve to 4-4 on the season. Senior co-captains Allison Cahill and Maureen Lane played key roles in the win as they each hit four three-point baskets. Cahill ended the night with 20 points while Lane added 16.

Princeton travels to Denver, Colo., this weekend for the Pioneer Classic where it will face Denver on December 20 and either Kansas State or Temple the next day.

Tiger Wrestling Splits Dual Meets in Missouri

The Princeton wrestling team split a pair of dual meets last Saturday in Columbia, Mo., as the Tigers beat Central Missouri 29-16 before losing 37-6 to University of Missouri.

In the win over Central Missouri, Princeton won seven of nine matches highlighted by Greg Parker, the 2002 NCAA runner-up at 174 lbs., winning his first match in his new weight class of 184. Other Princeton winners were Charles Wiggins (165), Andrew Avsec (174), Matt Fisher (197), Brian Kirschbaum (133), Joe Clarke (141) and Milo Adams (157).

In the match against Missouri, Parker lost a 5-0 decision to fellow All-American Scott Barker as Princeton's only points came on a forfeit.

Princeton will next compete on December 19 in the Reno Meet of Champions.

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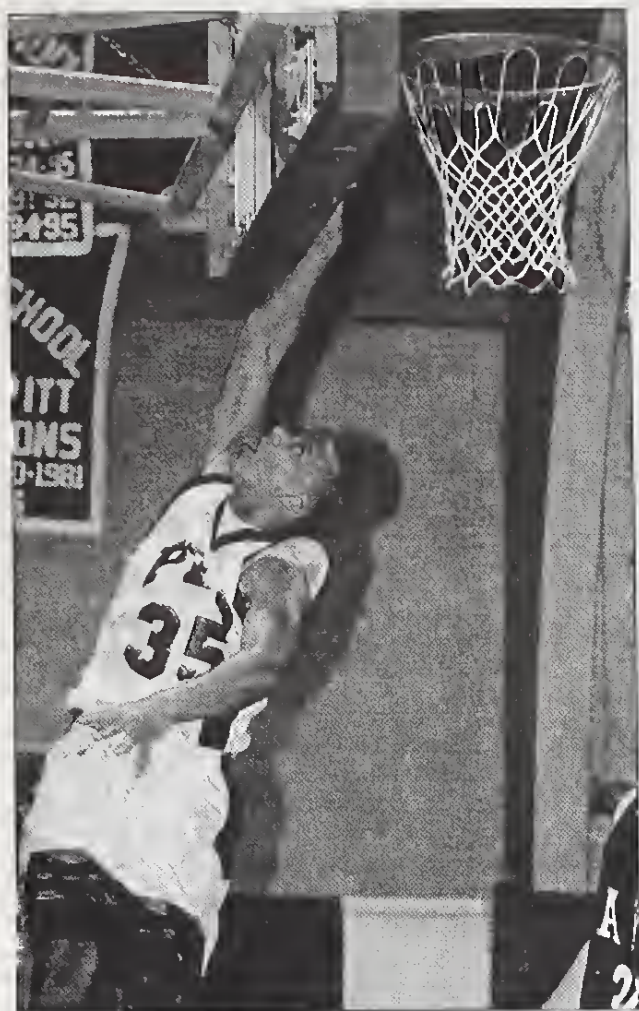
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HIGH PERCENTAGE: Princeton Day's Dylan Leith goes in for a lay-up in the Panthers' 62-44 win over Academy of the New Church last Wednesday. Leith, a junior, finished with a team-high 23 points in the win.

(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

Godwin Emerging As Floor Leader For PDS Boys' Hoops

For Drew Godwin, the summer of 2002 was hardly a vacation. Rather than hanging out at the beach or lounging by the pool, Godwin focused on honing his skills on the hardcourt as he prepared to enter his freshman season on the Princeton Day School boys' basketball team.

Over the summer break, Godwin attended several basketball camps including the prestigious Eastern Invitational and Five-Star programs and also worked out with his future varsity teammates.

It hasn't taken long for his diligence to pay off as point guard Godwin has emerged as the Panthers' floor leader just three contests into the season in addition to becoming a potent threat from the perimeter averaging 13.8 points a game.

"I think my quick start came from my summer work," said Godwin, after scoring 16 points in PDS' 62-44 win over Academy of New Church on December 11. "I think that has made me excel, it made me work harder on my game."

In the ANC, Godwin showed his coolness under fire as he scored the Panthers' last seven points of the second quarter to help PDS come back from a seven point deficit to take the lead 29-27 at half. "I felt like I got hot in the second quarter, I shot pretty well," said Godwin, who hit two three-point shots during that pivotal stretch.

But Godwin knows that it took a total team effort for PDS to turn a two-point lead into an 18-point win. "I think we played hard, we played good defense, we executed well and I think all-around it was a good game for us," added Godwin, reflecting on the performance which moved the Panthers to 2-1.

Coach Praises Game

PDS head coach Charley Ross had nothing but praise



ON GUARD: Princeton Day freshman guard Drew Godwin puts the clamps on an Academy of New Church player as PDS beat ANC 62-44 on December 11.

(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

for the all-around game being displayed so far this season by his precocious freshman. "Godwin has a good head on his shoulders and he sees the court so well," said Ross. "He's developed a very nice shot, he's only going to get better as time goes on."

Ross, though, is not surprised by Godwin's instant success at the high school level. "I had him scouted last year and I was hoping he would stay here at PDS," explained Ross, who guided the Panthers to a 10-11 mark last season in his first year at the helm of the Panthers' program. "His dad works with him a lot and he knew he was going to get a lot of playing time this year because we lost our backcourt from last year. As far as our offense goes, he carries the burden."

In the Panthers' win over

ANC, Ross knew that Godwin's offensive exploits wouldn't be enough to ensure victory. "We came back at halftime and said this game's not over, we've got to get good defense on them," added Ross, whose squad is now 3-2 after beating Gill St. Bernards 68-47 last Monday and will host Timothy Christian on December 18 before taking a holiday break.

"We switched to half-court pressure and they had a lot of difficulty with that. They started turning the ball over and that's what broke the game open. We made a lot of shots in the transition game."

The Panthers who thrived in the transition game included juniors Dylan Leith, the team's leading scorer with 23 points, and Dave Pepperman, who did yeoman work on the boards and chipped in nine points.

Godwin, unsurprisingly, was comfortable with the fast pace. "High school basketball is more up-tempo, I think I have adjusted and gotten used to it because I play a lot of AAU basketball," added Godwin. "I've started great. I'm just glad to be on the floor as a freshman."

At the rate he is going, it looks like Godwin will be on the floor nearly all the time for the Panthers this winter.

—Bill Alden

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PDS Boys' Ice Hockey Off to Winning Start But Needs Sharpening

Even though the Princeton Day School boys' ice hockey team got out of the gate with two wins in its first three games, Panthers' head coach Chris Barless knows that the quick start doesn't guarantee a successful season.

"We're playing well, we're winning hockey games but we could get improvement at everything," said Barless, after PDS topped visiting LaSalle Academy 5-3 on December 11. "We're not terrible at anything but we could get better at everything."

The Panthers' performance against LaSalle mirrored the kind of up-and-down play that is concerning Barless. After giving up an early goal to LaSalle, PDS evened things with an Andy Latyszczek goal and ended the first period knotted at 1-1.

In the second period, the Panthers' attack clicked as PDS took a 4-1 lead on goals by Latyszczek, Dan Bergen and Luke Popko. But just when it looked like PDS had control, LaSalle came back with a last minute goal to gain momentum going into the final period.

LaSalle built on that momentum with an early goal but the Panthers responded as Will Denise made a beautiful unassisted goal to put the margin back at two. PDS, however, made things hard on themselves as Peter Rossi ripped the helmet off a LaSalle player, getting ejected and giving the visitors a five-minute power play.

The Panthers, with Barless nearly coming over the boards as he urged them on, produced some excellent penalty killing to salt away the win.

"I thought our passing was very sloppy, we had a hard time getting out of our zone because we didn't make many break-out passes," said Barless, who led the Panthers to a 19-7-1 mark and a Prep B state championship last season and is now in his fourth year guiding the program.

"That last goal at the end of the second period killed us and then they got a quick one in the third. There were mental breakdowns in the defensive zone on the goals. Then we got on our heels and picked up a five-minute major with six minutes to go."

Barless, however, was able to find plenty of positives in the Panthers' performance. "We definitely worked on our penalty killing, we did a nice job," said Barless, whose team now has a 4-3 record after splitting its four games in the St. Thomas More tournament in Connecticut last weekend.

"We had a strong second period, we scored three goals and looked good until we gave up that late goal. Will Denise scored a great individual goal for us in the third period, that was huge. It really helped us."

As Barless looks ahead to



COMING THROUGH: Princeton Day School defenseman John Sullivan bursts through two LaSalle Academy players as PDS won 5-3 on December 11. The Panthers were led by John Latyszczek, who scored two goals, and Will Denise, who picked up a key third period goal to hold off a LaSalle rally.

(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

a home game on December seniors," said Barless, 19 against Delbarton and whose core of seniors participating in the Wyoming includes forward Dan Bergen, Seminary Tournament in forward Ben Johnson, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., on December 21 and 22, he remains forward Ross Carmichael, decidedly cautious about his goalie John Ramos and Latyszczek's prospects this season. "They are doing a

"We're still looking at a nice job as leaders and that long year, but we've got some really helps us coaches get good leadership from our the guys ready." —Bill Alden

Every Minute Used As Kosa Takes Helm Of PHS Boys' Hoops

David Kosa is determined to take advantage of every moment of practice time this winter in his first season at the helm of the Princeton High boys' basketball program.

Kosa, who spent the last two years as an assistant coach in the Wagner College women's basketball program, is a big believer in highly organized, fast-paced practices.

"I like having the kids going from one drill right to the next drill, I don't want to waste a minute of time," said Kosa, whose squad tips off its season with home games against WW/P-S on December 20 and Allentown on December 23. "The team is a little slow right now at times on the drills but this will pay off in the long run."

Kosa knows that he faces a stern test as he takes the reins of a program that went 8-16 last season and isn't returning any star veterans.

"We have two main challenges, first, leadership as we don't have any returning starters, and second, to play

as a team," said Kosa. "I'm relying on the guys on the court to take charge, it looks like a good challenge."

Despite the team's lack of experience, Kosa believes he has enough talent to compete. Returners on the roster who have seen some varsity action include senior forward Bennett Murphy and senior center Adriano DiDonato.

Among the newcomers who should see action this winter for Kosa are junior forward Chris Newton, sophomore guard Rich Wilson, junior guard Edson St. Juste, junior forward Tom Perkins, sophomore center Andy Simon and junior Ryan O'Grady. Kosa is also expecting big things from a trio of brothers - senior guard Markese Brown, freshman guard Anthony Brown, and sophomore guard Marcus Brown.

"I think our strengths are our inside game and our talent from the guard position. We have real real potential there," added Kosa. "I think quickness is our major asset."

Kosa said that one of the stars in the paint should be Newton. "Chris is a monster inside, he's relentless on the boards and is developing low post moves," asserted Kosa, who added that Murphy and DiDonato should also provide

inside punch.

As for the backcourt, Kosa said that St. Juste and Markese Brown are currently penciled in as starters. He notes, however, that others are bucking for playing time at the guard position.

"Rich Wilson is pushing them, Markese got hurt in one of our scrimmages and he stepped right in and did well," maintained Kosa. "O'Grady does nice things when he gets in. He's a heady player who makes good passes and plays a good all-around game. The team is trying to gain an identity and spots are open."

Kosa is relishing the challenge of molding the Little Tigers into a winning program. "It's been fun coming here," said Kosa, who was the girls' coach at Monroe High for five years prior to his stint at Wagner.

"I started working with the team in the summer and now I'm seeing them in the hallways everyday. The players really enjoy the game and we're trying to teach them the finer points of the game."

And with Kosa making the most of every moment, the Little Tigers should pick up those fine points in a hurry.

—Bill Alden

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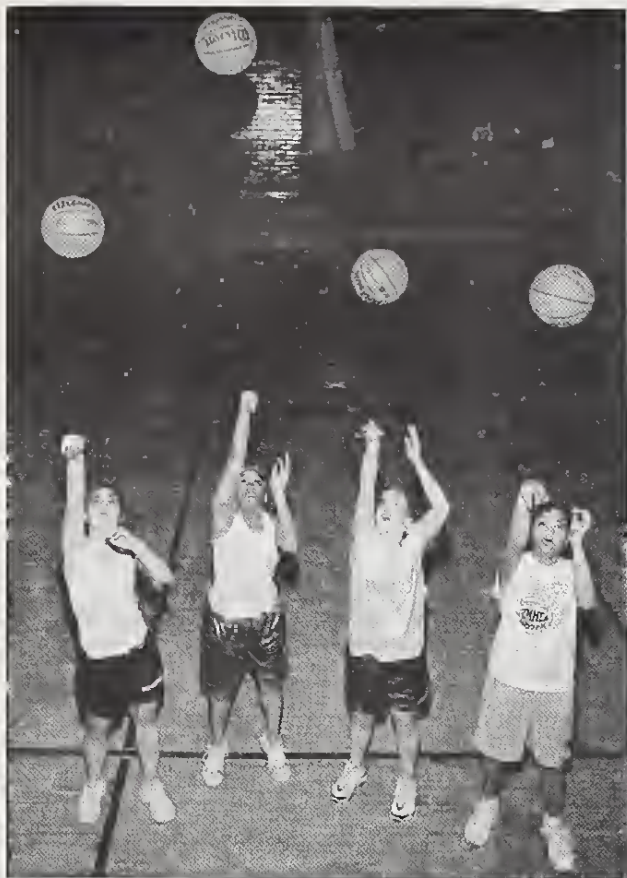
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SHARPSHOOTERS: With the Princeton High girls' basketball team ready to tip off its season this weekend, four of the team's seniors, from left, Katie Bliss, Marisol Cruz, Erin Walters-Bugbee, and Shara Cook display their shooting form. The Little Tigers open their campaign with road games on December 20 at WW/P-S and December 23 at Allentown.

(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

PHS Girls' Basketball To Build On Progress

As Bill Visokay heads into his second year coaching the Princeton High girls' basketball team, he is looking to add to the foundation he put in place during his debut season with the program.

Visokay's first PHS squad posted a 5-18 mark, which may not sound like much unless you consider that the team won just one game in the season before the veteran coach arrived and a mere five in three seasons combined before 2001-02.

"We made a lot of progress during the season last year," said Visokay, who coached for more than 20 years in Middlesex County schools prior to taking the Princeton job.

"Last year we became competitive in games and learned how to win some close games. So this year it's a matter of continuing that progress, not only being in games but winning more of those games and taking the next step."

Visokay welcomes back plenty of veterans as he tries to help the team make that next step. The team's roster features five returning seniors: forward Katie Bliss; forward Shara Cook; guard Marisol Cruz; guard Erin Walters-Bugbee; and guard Alicia Randall.

The team also has a key returning junior, guard Val Davison, and two sophomores, forward Whitney Brunner and guard Zoe Sarnak, who saw action last season.

The Little Tigers should get a lift from a group of juniors who didn't play on varsity last year but led the junior varsity

squad to a 13-win season.

This group includes forward Jessica Calicchio, forward Alexis Dervech, guard Jackie Dorman, guard Eliza Stasi, and guard Corey Rosenthal.

Visokay is looking to use an eight-to-10 player rotation to take advantage of the team's depth. "We don't have a great deal of height so we compensate for that by using a lot of players and being fundamentally sound," explained Visokay, whose squad opens its season with road games on December 20 at WW/P-S and December 23 at Allentown.

"There really isn't one over-all outstanding player on the team, but we have a lot of players who have played well. Everyone on the roster is contributing in their own way. I like to use a lot of players. My belief is that if you're at practice and working hard you'll get an opportunity."

The team's strength in numbers has Visokay cautiously optimistic. "We're looking forward to this year, having laid the groundwork last year," he said. "Hopefully that will pay some dividends this year."

—Bill Alden



SLAMMING THE DOOR: Princeton High goalkeeper Britney Russell prepares to stop a Princeton Day School shot in PHS' 2-1 win over PDS on December 11. Russell recorded 49 saves and Katie O'Flaherty and Lousie Finnell scored goals as PHS beat the Panthers for the first time ever. The Little Tigers moved to 2-0-1 last Sunday as they tied Hill 2-2 on goals from Vicki Chen and Jackie Distler. PHS plays at Morristown-Bear on December 18 before traveling to Shady Side Academy in Pittsburgh for games on December 21-22.

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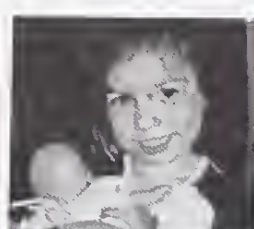
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Princeton Youth Travel Basketball Results

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The boys' under-14 travel team also took its lumps as it was routed 82-18 by Ewing to drop to 0-2.

The under-12 girls' travel team beat Allentown 10-8 to improve to 1-1. Lizzie Prince led Princeton with six points while Lauren Willoughby contributed eight rebounds.

The under-12 boys' travel team fell to Langhorne as Brian Dunlap scored a team-high seven points in a losing cause.

Utilizing a balanced attack, the under-11 boys' travel team cruised past Lawrence 36-17 to even its record at 1-1. Princeton was led by Jordan Metro who scored nine points with Taariq Parker and Tino Kardissis each scoring seven.

PHS

Boys' Ice Hockey: Jason Diamond's two goals were not enough as PHS lost 6-3 to WW/P-N last Monday at Hamilton Iceland. Matt Leuck scored the other goal for the Little Tigers who dropped to 1-3 with the loss. PHS plays Cranford on December 20 at Baker Rink before taking on WW/P-S on December 23 at Mercer County Park.

STUART

Basketball: The Tartans head into their holiday break with a 1-2 mark. In its last outing, Stuart fell 67-18 to the Hun School as Lindsay Welch scored eight points and Angela Harrington added seven in the loss. The Tartans' next action comes on January 8 when they play at Princeton Day School.

PDS

Girls' Basketball: Despite a strong performance from Lexi Cheshier, the Panthers lost 49-30 to St. Andrew's last Saturday in Delaware. Cheshier, a freshman, scored 13 points for PDS, which fell to 0-6 with the loss. PDS plays at George School on December 18 before hosting Moorestown Friends on December 20.

Girls' Ice Hockey: Led by a productive effort from Carly Berger, PDS topped visiting Morristown-Beard 5-2 last Friday. Berger, a junior forward, scored two first period goals and Jenny Lescroart, Heidi Morse and Blair Lamb added later tallies for the Panthers, who improved to 3-2 with the win. PDS hosts Pingry on December 18 before playing in the Canterbury Tournament on December 20-21.

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Born in Vineland, she earned a B.S. degree with honors from The College of New Jersey, and an M.S. from the University of Pennsylvania. She also earned doctoral credits in education from Rutgers University.

She began her career as an assistant professor teacher at Rider College in Lawrenceville. At Princeton High School she developed the Cooperative Office Education program in which business administration students were placed in part-time work during the school year, and full-time work after graduation.

She was active in professional organizations and served as president of the Princeton Business and Professional Women's Club, Delta Kappa Gamma, and the New Jersey Cooperative Office Education Coordinators Association.

Following her retirement she lived for several years in Skidaway Island, Ga., and Ocala, Fla., before returning to Vineland in 2000.

She loved duplicate bridge and golf, and played both until the age of 80.

Predeceased by her mother Josephine, father Dario, brother Dario, and sister Sylvia, she is survived by three children, Jay, of New York City, Patti, of Boston, Mass., and Don, of Basking Ridge; and four grandchildren.

The funeral service will be Wednesday, December 18, at 10:30 a.m. at Rone Funeral Service in Vineland. Burial will be private.

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He is survived by his parents, Don and Helen Wise; two brothers, Ryan of Massachusetts and Matthew at home; three sisters, Katharine Wise, of Plainsboro, and Jenny and Mary Wise at home.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, December 23, at 11 a.m. at the Nassau Presbyterian Church. Burial will be private in Princeton Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be given to the Andrew Lee Wise Youth Mission and Music Memorial Fund at Nassau Presbyterian Church, 61 Nassau Street, Princeton 08542.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Jesse H. Carpenter, 89, of Princeton Junction, died Monday at the Medical Center at Princeton.

Born in Scobeyville, NJ, he was a self-employed farmer in the Princeton Junction-Hights town area for many years. He was the former owner of Windsor Oil Company of Flagtown and Windsor Landscape Company of Princeton Junction.

He was a former member of the Princeton Junction Volunteer Fire Company.

Son of the late Jacob and Minerva Hankinson Carpenter, husband of the late Elsie Mey Carpenter, and brother of the late Edward Carpenter and Stanley Carpenter, he is survived by a son, Eric J. of Titusville; a sister, Clara Matousek; and three grandchildren.

A funeral service was held December 13 at Wilson-Apple Funeral Home in Pennington, with the Rev. Floyd W. Churn, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Dutch Neck, officiating.

Burial was in Dutch Neck Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army, 436 Mulberry Street, Trenton 08638.

Philip Whyt, 97, of Princeton, died December 11 at Acorn Glen in Princeton.

Born in London, England, he lived in Napier, New Zealand, and from 1931 until 1996, when he moved to Princeton. While in New Zealand he established and operated a factory manufacturing women's coats and suits, and two retail outlets. When he moved to Princeton after the death of his wife, Annette, he brought a few pieces of furniture, a suitcase of clothing, and 14 cases of books and classical music.

He was an avid golfer who continued to play until the age of 92.

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The Season's Best and Worst Moments: Holiday Sagas, Stories and Scenarios

You were really hoping for, but you got a! Most of us can fill in the blanks and remember that flash of disappointment when a particular holiday wish remained unfulfilled. "Scrooge-like" thoughts are tempting!

On the other hand, what about those wonderful surprises? The special bike or doll under the tree, the new car in the driveway, the stocking containing a cruise ticket, the much-loved relative unexpectedly arriving at the front door — all cherished yuletide memories.

With deference to Charles Dickens, the holidays can be "the best of times, and the worst of times." More often, though, despite the frantic rush, the stress and strain, the excessive commercialism, the superficiality, and the disappointments, the season brings out the "better angels of our nature." Unexpected acts of kindness and generosity, warmly-extended invitations, and time together with special people are treasured moments that do occur more

often during the holiday season.

Its particular magic also has a way of turning "worst" moments into "best" moments. A Princeton friend remembers a time when money was tight and the outlook was bleak. A single mother, with a 7-year-old and a 10-year-old, she scrimped and saved to get them something for Christmas, and then found she had only \$10 left for a tree.

"It was right before Christmas, and I went everywhere," she recalls. "It was cold, and I was getting more and more depressed. Finally, at the last place, I told the owner, 'I have \$10 for a tree. Are there any trees for \$10?' He spread his arms wide, and said, 'See all these trees? They are all \$10!'"

Santa in disguise! My friend was able to have a tree for her kids and remembers it as a very special Christmas day.

Christmas Diamond

My neighbor recalls a moment of crushing disappointment that was also to

have a happy outcome. It was just before Christmas, and among the young women in their senior year of college, the buzz was who would be engaged over the holidays.

She was no different. She and her beau had been serious for more than two years. He would be home on leave from the Air Force, and she hoped for a Christmas diamond.

But, as she remembers, "On Christmas eve, instead of a ring, I got luggage! It was beautiful green leather, but not a diamond! We sat and talked in the car, and tears were shed."

The beau had politely asked her father for her hand, and Dad said NO! But a happy ending was in store. Dad finally relented, she got the diamond in June, used the luggage on the honeymoon, and they lived happily ever after, 48 years this month!

Humor goes a long way in alleviating many of the worst holiday moments and turning them into happy memories. A friend tells of growing up in

the south, in an area where no drinking was the rule. Her little son was given the part of the innkeeper in the school Christmas pageant, and he just couldn't get a handle on his line: "There's no room at my inn, but you can stay in the manger."

When the time came for his big moment, he piped up with "There's no room in the inn, but come on in for a beer anyway!"

Major enjoyment for the audience, if not for his parents!

Another Christmas pageant — this time in church — is equally memorable. The children were told to act out the nativity scene using their own words. All went well until one of the young shepherds turned to Joseph and declared: "Hey, Joe, congratulations! That's quite a baby you've got there!"

Bit of A Twist

A bit of a twist on the Christmas story took place last year when friends were invited to a special Christmas Eve dinner. The hosts were Italian, and served a wonderful seafood and lasagna meal. After dinner, a huge birthday cake was brought in, and everyone sang "Happy Birthday." The guests' small son said, "I didn't know this was a birthday party. We didn't even bring presents." The man sitting next to him replied, "It's Jesus's birthday. Sing along!"

Dinners are the source of any number of worst/best scenarios, but again, a little resourcefulness and ingenuity can save the day.

A friend in California reports preparing a big Christmas dinner and frantically putting the final touches on the meal. The rib roast was cooked, perfectly done,



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and sitting on the kitchen table. Suddenly, out of the corner of her eye, she saw her Irish setter, Brandy, a scamp of a dog, grab the roast in his mouth and head for the back door.

Fast on her feet, she was able to intercept Brandy before he escaped. What to do? She pulled the roast from between his teeth, gave it a good rinse, put it back in the oven for a few minutes, and served it with a smile!

Another friend tells of an unforgettable dinner at which the main course was a Christmas duck, which the host had shot himself.

"The elegant apartment was glowing in candlelight, the table was beautifully set with the best silver, crystal, and china," reports the guest. "The duck was ceremoniously carved. As we began to eat, we found the duck was full of buckshot! We spent the rest of the meal laughing and pulling buckshot out of our teeth."

"Figgy Pudding"

In another memorable scene, my friend in Arizona had doused the plum pudding with brandy, lit it, and was carrying it into the dining room for the expected oooohs and aaaahs of the

dinner guests. The "figgy pudding" caught fire, set off the smoke alarms, prompting the arrival of the fire department!

A happy ending: the firemen loved plum pudding, and a festive time was had by all.

Another dinner story took place several years ago. A young American couple and their two children were in Germany, where the husband, an American Air Force officer, was stationed.

They had become friends with an older German couple whom they invited for Christmas dinner. The Germans had met in a concentration camp during World War II. The man, who was a doctor, had saved the woman's life by sneaking in medication to her.

"We had just moved into a brand new apartment, with lovely white tile floor. Everything was perfect," remembers the hostess. "While the girls made gingerbread houses with their dad, I placed two pans of baked dressing (complete with all the drippings) on the window sill to cool. One of the girls hoisted herself on the sill, so she could better reach the gingerbread house-makings. Then, I put a glass pan of roasted potatoes on the stove, which was not turned on."

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SEASONAL SERENADE: Santa plays Christmas carols on an autoharp as Antoinette Goodwin of Princeton shops for Christmas gifts Saturday afternoon at Learning Express. Santa and Snowy the Snowman were part of Princeton Shopping Center's holiday festivities, which were held despite cold, rainy weather.

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"The doorbell rang, and as I answered it, I heard a loud commotion in the kitchen, including breaking glass and screaming. My daughter had fallen out of the window (low window, so no harm!), and had knocked the two pans of dressing onto the tile floor. Everything was smashed! In the commotion, my husband hit the stove, accidentally turning on the burner.

"Oblivious to the mayhem, the couple, standing behind a huge plant they had brought, greeted us warmly, and the German lady asked: 'What's for dinner?'

"As I glanced into the kitchen, I heard a loud popping sound — the potatoes and the pan had exploded! There was nothing to do but laugh!

"We 'skated' around the kitchen on the drippings, and found a box of cornbread mix. We quickly chopped pecans and apples, added raisins, and made new dressing. There was also a box of instant mashed potatoes, and we made those too. It was one of the funniest and best Christmases ever. The German couple joined in the rollicking, and we have all talked about it for years."

Snow events can also make for worst-case scenarios. But even these have a way of turning into positive experiences, as a New York friend found out some years ago.

Not only was she planning for Christmas, but for her Christmas week wedding in New Jersey as well. The morning before the day of the wedding, she and her mother were shopping for final preparations for the wedding feast.

A Few Flurries

"When we came out of the market, there were a few flurries," she reports. "By the time we got home, the few flurries were huge flakes, and the ground was covered. This turned out to be a blizzard!"

The groom, his mother, and the maid of honor were driving from Manhattan, and the best man was coming from Philadelphia by car. Groom and his entourage arrived three hours late, and the best man's car was the last one allowed on the turnpike!

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"We were sure no guests would be able to get to the wedding," continues the bride. "Most were coming from snow-engulfed areas. But the next morning, the sun shone brightly, and all but one couple made it to the church and reception."

A story often retold nostalgically on the couple's anniversary. And a honeymoon in Hawaii didn't hurt!

Another sudden snow storm almost ruined a long-anticipated holiday trip to the Far East for an intrepid Philadelphia friend. What ensued is a story to remember!

Needing several visas, she had sent her passport to a visa agency in New York well ahead of her departure, expecting everything to arrive in her Philadelphia office in plenty of time.

Frantic Calls

"The morning I was to leave, two terrible things happened," she relates. "The passport was not there, and a blizzard was brewing, coming up the coast. Frantic calls to the post office did not unearth the passport, and more frantic calls to the Philadelphia passport office and

the Japanese Consulate in wait, no matter how long it New York, trying to get a took me. With that assurance new passport and the I had new faith, and with a required visas, were also full tank of gas, I set out unproductive. All this as the again."

Finally, at 5:45 p.m., she jammed her car into a snow-drift in front of 280 Park Avenue, and took the elevator to the Japanese Consulate.

Required Visa

"I rang," she says, continuing the saga. "A cleaning woman opened the door, and I scooted around her, looking for the young woman who promised to wait. She had gone home. A startled employee tried to shoo me away. I actually trembled, unable to speak."

Finally, with a new passport, she got onto the road in the most hazardous conditions.

"The roads were terrible," she reports. "You couldn't really see, and the windows kept icing up as the heater went on and off. I had to be at the Japanese Consulate by 4 p.m. to get the new visa, and I could not fathom getting there. The stress started to build."

"The gas tank began to ebb, and with it, my perseverance and courage. Off the turnpike at a service area, I called the Japanese Consulate and spoke with a woman who promised she would

"Then, another man, very nicely dressed, came out, and asked about the problem. He proceeded to help me, with an assurance at doing so, yet with an obvious lack of knowledge at just how. He was making phone calls and pulling out files and boxes of stamps and a machine, and finally I had the first required visa."

"I was, and yet was not, surprised (considering the day I had had) to find upon presentation of his card that he

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FAMILY FOOTWEAR: The whole family can find a full range of footwear, including shoes, socks, boots, and slippers at Hulit's, the longtime Nassau Street store. Owner Chuck Simone (left) holds the popular Ecco men's Gore-tex waterproof boot; Phyllis Simone offers the Ugg's women sheepskin boot, and Wayne Horvath shows the popular Dansko clog. Sheepskin slippers will keep toes toasty, and there are lots of boots from Santana, Kamik and others. Little feet will find styles from Elefanten and Aster, and a fun gift for the younger set is the colorful matching backpack, boots, and umbrella ensemble with animal motif.

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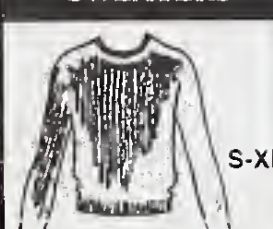


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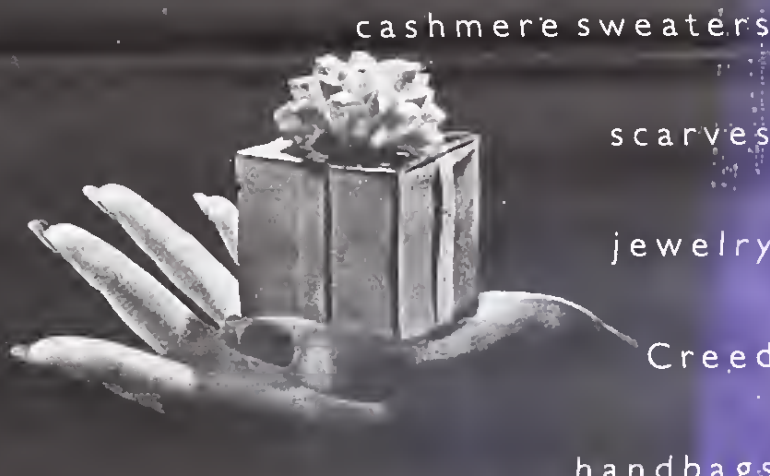
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"I then reflected on how funny I must have appeared, having proceeded to undo and re-do my long hair, which was a mess from being in and out of the car getting ice off the windows. And there I was with the Consul General!"

Another happy ending. The flight from JFK was delayed until the next day, and she had a relaxed and cheerful Christmas Eve, staying with friends in New York before her Far Eastern adventure began on Christmas Day.

That snowy trip, despite the outcome, is a holiday event no one would want to repeat. In fact, most of us remember gifts or events that we would like to forget. Keeping in mind that tastes differ dramatically, here are some of the least welcomed gifts, according to very knowledgeable recipients.

Gorilla Candle

My friend in Arizona was expecting a piece of jewelry and received a sunflower pot holder. She was also present at a party where a five-foot tall gorilla candle and a ceramic camel with plastic grapes dripping from its mouth were given in all seriousness. An authentic snow-shoe lamp was presented to another friend and quickly scheduled for the annual recycling rites of passage.

Many women — not all — would just as soon not receive household appliances or something "that is going to make housework easier" — a blender, toaster, vacuum, or mop — for Christmas.

Bulk cleaning supplies are not encouraged as gifts from husbands. "Honey, I got you that extra-large box of Tide you've been wanting."

Also, a word to the wise husband: Do not buy gifts for yourself and pretend they are for your wife. "Honey, I'm sure you'll get a lot of use out of this new drill I got you." Any lingerie made of flannel, such as felt pajamas with a trap door in back or Little Mermaid or Barney cartoon character night gowns are not recommended. A downer in the romance department.

Anti-wrinkle cream is another no-no, and not to be churlish, but annual gifts of framed photos of the latest toddler in the family (unless a grandparent is the recipient!) can be overdone.

Little Something

On the other hand — and again, according to taste — a very eclectic list of great holiday gifts includes the following: an engagement ring in the fiancée-to-be's champagne glass, a cashmere throw, spa days with friends, wine-of-the-month club, a savory for the sweet tooth, cards with a "little something" that slips out, piano lessons, "the big engine that could," a rocking chair and

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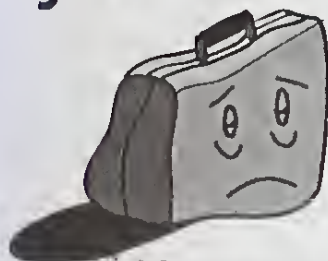
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more time to go with it, a giant-sized tree house, a magic kit, and singing for residents at a nursing home.

The last entry reminds us that it is the giving more than the receiving that often brings the most pleasure.

A friend recalls seeing a painting that she very much wanted. Not having the full price within her means, she asked whether she might pay by installment. The owner of the gallery was receptive and set up very reasonable monthly installments. After making the first payment, she

went to the gallery the following month to find that the painting was wrapped and ready for delivery to her house. The remainder of the cost had been paid by a friend who wanted her to have the art for Christmas.

"It was certainly one of the best presents I ever got," she says. "And every time I look at it, I remember the thought behind it, which was so special."

It is also always worth

dolls, costumed dolls, repeating that it is not the size or the monetary value of a gift that gives it meaning.

Childhood Treasures

In Edinburgh, Scotland, there is a place called the Museum of Childhood. It contains childhood treasures of all kinds — teddy bears, rocking horses, model trains, doll houses, and cases and cases of dolls. Baby dolls, porcelain

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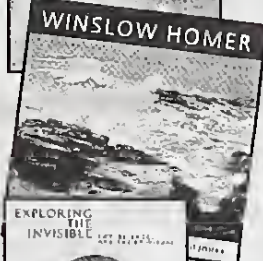
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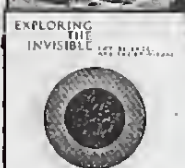
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Antipasto:

which includes Gaeta, Kalanata, Sicilian and Nicose Olives, Focaccia Points, Garlic Crostini, Eggplant Rollatini, Marinated Mushrooms, Marinated Roasted Red Peppers, Hummus, Marinated Artichoke Hearts, and Eggplant Caponata; Paper-thin Prosciutto, Finocchiona and Sharp Italian Provolone.

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walking-talking dolls, expensive dolls. The dolls of privileged children.

"Off in one corner is another case," reports journalist Karen Zautyk. "Behind its glass pane, another doll sits alone. It's an old raggedy doll, much the worse for wear. But then, it began its life raggedy.

"Doll belonging to London slum child, circa 1905," reads a card accompanying it. The doll is unnamed. The child is unnamed.

"The doll's body is made of tattered brown socks, stuffed with rags. Its arms are two thin sticks of wood, covered in wool. Its hair is a sock. It wears a plain gingham dress and a rough linen apron.

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"For all its simplicity, it was made with painstaking effort. In a sad attempt to soften its coarseness, bits of yellowed lace were sewn onto the dress and the cap atop its head.

"And the head is the heel of a man's shoe. Only that. A worn-down, battered heel with the nail heads visible around the edges.

"For a face, the doll has small bits of paper pasted on. Paper eyes, paper nose, paper mouth. The mouth does not smile.

"Some might call it ugly. They would be wrong, very wrong.

"I do not know the history of the doll. It is possible that the London slum child made it for herself. One might picture small fingers stitching up the fabric and cutting out the paper face, with infinite effort and infinite patience. Making the only doll she would ever have.

"Or, perhaps, it was a gift. Created by a mother or a father who was poor in possessions. All they could give was rags and scraps and the heel of a shoe. All they could give was a love beyond measure.

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GOING BACK TO CHRISTMAS 1955

Two weeks before Christmas in 1955, Lake Carnegie had at least three inches of ice and was safe for skating, according to Peter J. McCrohan, the winter recreation supervisor. Hundreds of skaters flocked to the lake to join in the holiday spirit.

The Princeton Tuberculosis League was conducting its first sale of Christmas Seals in over 17 years. The money raised from the sale was for educating the public about tuberculosis.

Dr. William Kleinberg, health officer for Princeton Township, reported a large number of phone calls and letters to his office on the subject of the Salk anti polio vaccine. Dr. Kleinberg explained there was a state wide pattern of misunderstandings and indecision by state authorities on how, when (and even, if) free vaccine would be allotted to municipalities.

The Princeton Adult School announced a series of lectures based on "Our Basic American Freedoms." The initial lecture was presented by two members of the Princeton University's department of history.

Prof. E. Harris Harbison was to discuss "The Concept of Freedom" followed by Prof. Charles G. Sellars, discussing "Our National Heritage."

Land owners between Princeton and Blawenburg were urged to join the newly formed Cherry Valley Wild Game Protective Association to protect the white deer population from hunters. To date, 31 residents in control of some 3,000 acres had joined the association.

A sign-raising ceremony took place on the site of Princeton's new YMCA-YWCA building between John Street and Bayard Lane. Gerald D. Nelson, chairman of the building committee, reported on approved architectural sketches by architects Sherley W. Morgan and Kenneth Kassler.

The Princeton Borough engineer's office conducted a one-day car count of traffic at the intersection of Nassau and Witherspoon streets. The study revealed a total of 8,535 cars had passed through the intersection during an eight-hour period.

This number represented a 50 percent increase in traffic at that same intersection from 1947.

Question of the week on December 4, 1955 was: "If you were in President Eisenhower's shoes, would you run again?"

Benjamin Dean, a Princeton University policeman, responded: "No, I wouldn't. The job has almost killed him, and another attack would surely finish him. If he does run, I won't vote for him because I don't think he'd last the term out. And I voted for him last time. He's done a wonderful job, but running again is too big a gamble."

Mrs. Anne Niese, a secretary responded: "Yes, I think I would. If I was the sort of person I believe I ought to be, I think I'd put the good of the country ahead of my own personal welfare. You know, you can carry on a job and still live a sedentary life physically. However, if Mr. Eisenhower runs again, the Democrats will make an awful issue of his health and lick him."

Question of the week on December 11, 1955 was: "How urgent is Princeton's need for low-cost rental units?"

Cortland Williams, a painter from Rosedale Road responded "I'd say it was pretty urgent. There's lots of rooming here, but more low-cost rentals would eliminate a great deal of congestion in many houses. Princeton's numerous migrants, coming in and out, can't find adequate places so they keep moving in search of the right spot. With additional houses, we could eliminate that and make people happy to boot. Landlords, renting every possible cranny and overcharging, are taking advantage of roomers. I don't like that kind of deal."

Elmer H. Leigh, a carpenter from the Great Road answered: "It's needed urgently, I'd say. Especially for people who earn about \$60 or \$70 a week and should be paying around \$50 a month for rent — at least, well under \$100. They're paying too much, and there's a good chance that many of them will have nothing to live on in later life because they

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must dig into their savings to pay high rents today. Property values are high, sure and landlords probably have to ask pretty high rents, but they're asking too much — and there ought to be some low cost rentals. There's an even bigger problem though — there doesn't seem to be any place near where they could be built."

A few stocking stuffer suggestions for men in 1955 included: plaid gingham boxer shorts for \$1.50 from the Prep Shop; Luttmann's "Tandem Smoker" for couples who smoke in bed was priced at \$3.95; wool foulard ties for \$1.50 from Princeton Clothing; a Liberty silk scarf, reversible and lined with cashmere was available at The English Shop for \$22.50.

Stocking stuffers for women in 1955 included: the handy \$2. hat from Rosette Pennington, described as a narrow velvet clip with an attached matching veil, available in olive, red or black; a two inch velvet drawstring bag with a minute perfume bottle inside for \$2. from The Brazil Shop; petit-point accessories such as notebooks, pads and purses priced at \$1. at Clayton's.

Mayme Mead was offering long, elbow length gloves of thick, oatmeal colored yarn or short rayon and cotton dress gloves in many colors for \$3

on up.

Hulit's was selling Daniel Green velvet slippers for \$6.

Cummins was offering "My Grandchildren" pocket photo albums for \$1.

Urken Supply Co. was selling Christmas tree stands for 39 cents and tree light sets for 89 cents. Hulit's advertised ice skates for \$9.95. Skirm's Smoke Shop was selling Vogue cigarettes for 75 cents a pack. Rialto Barber Shop on Witherspoon Street was offering expert hair cutting for the holidays for \$1.

Just in time for gift giving, the Music Shop on Nassau Street was taking orders for the new Glenn Miller album out on RCA Victor records. The record included 60 exciting Glenn Miller performances from the Glen Island Casino, the Meadowbrook, the Cafe Rouge and the Paradise Restaurant.

The classified section listed items for sale ranging from calendars in Braille to home-made cookies, mimeograph machines, a geiger counter, a chicken farm on one acre in Hopewell Township and a hard working white spotted donkey, complete with Governor's cart, harness, saddle and bridle, perfect for a child's pet, offered for \$225.

Christmas Eve Caroling Due at Arts Council

The Arts Council of Princeton is inviting people of all ages to attend its annual "Candlelight Christmas Eve Caroling" on Tuesday, December 24.

To be held in cooperation with Palmer Square Management and the Nassau Inn, the yearly event will begin as people gather on the front lawn of the Arts Council at 5:15 p.m.

From there, carolers will progress to the Green on Palmer Square. At the Green, the caroling will continue with the Blawenburg Brass Band leading the festivities.

Carolers are encouraged to bring candles, lanterns, flashlights, and bells. Song sheets will be provided courtesy of the following sponsors of the event: Bowhe & Peare, Hazel & Hannah's Pawtisserie, the Princeton University Store, and Wild Oats Market.

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Emily Dooley of Patton Avenue thought caroling would be an excellent activity to do with her two-year-old daughter. She organized an outing with a group of two- and three-year-olds in her neighborhood, and on a recent weekday morning, the munchkin choristers lifted their voices and jingle bells to several gracious audiences.

After vigorous renditions of *Jingle Bells* and *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*, the children were invited in for a photograph or a donut, and no one gave a second thought to muddy boots or sticky hands.

"It's wonderful to have these sort of small, non-institutional bits of Christmas in children's lives," said Lisa Eckstrom, who was treated to a visit from the children. "You could sense they knew they were doing something special, so it was wonderful to be a part of that."

Ms. Eckstrom, of Wilton

Street, said she likes doing simple things at Christmas, like seeing the tree in Palmer Square or visiting the Santa at Kale's Nursery with her children. Her family also celebrates Hanukkah, so candles are an important part of their holidays with the lighting of the Menorahs and later a Christmas Advent wreath.

Her family tunes out a lot of the commercialism surrounding the holidays because "we don't get broadcast television," she commented.

Ms. Dooley said cutting back on spending helps her family keep their celebration of Christmas simple. "We bought a Charlie Brown Christmas tree for \$5, instead of a bigger one for \$20," she said. "We don't want to consume more than our share. We're very conscious of living in the richest country in the world, and we don't want to use more than we need," Ms. Dooley said.

Ingela Kostenbader of Knoll Drive and her family recently visited Acorn Glen Assisted Living facility with a group of carolers to sing for and with the residents.

Around the World

In addition to carols well known in the United States, the Kostenbader children sang three traditional songs of Sweden, where Ms. Kostenbader was born.

While the group sang, the

residents applauded and joined in singing often. Afterward, the older people were bursting with appreciation when the children in the group passed out candy canes. One woman stared into the face of the youngest caroler, and simply commented on how beautiful the toddler was.

"I think it's very important for the elder people to see the young ones, and for the generations to do more things together," Ms. Kostenbader said.

"My view of Christmas is that it should emphasize Jesus and the meaning behind Christmas," she said. "I'm one of the few that don't shop at Christmas. I don't buy presents for my children because there are so many others that give to them, like aunts and cousins."

Angel Tree

Ronda Wagner of Stockton Street and her family are participating in Angel Tree as a way of adding meaning to their Christmas.

Angel Tree, a ministry of Prison Fellowship, provides donated gifts to children whose parent or parents are incarcerated. To ensure that appropriate gifts are collected, the name, age, and gift idea of each participant's child are typed on a small, paper angel, and the angels are hung on a Christmas tree for people to select.

"We went over to the tree and looked at the names," Ms. Wagner said. "I noted also what the child was requesting." She and her two boys found the angel of a little boy asking for fire trucks and took it home. The gift they found for him was just perfect, Ms. Wagner said: a whole play set, with fire trucks, little people and props.

She placed the gift in a conspicuous place at home for a few days, so that her children would notice it and she could explain more about sharing.

"It worked really well," Ms. Wagner said. "My 5-year-old just kept asking me questions." He alternated between being extremely interested in this little boy's circumstances and wanting to keep the gift for himself, she said.

Her older son, age 8, is being asked to contribute from his allowance an amount he decides on to help pay for the gift. "We're also praying for the boy and his family," Ms. Wagner said. "We've really incorporated it into our Christmas."

Back to Church

Michael Beard of Brian Court said this holiday season he is taking his family back to church. For a long time, the family of five worshipped at home together, and didn't feel the need to attend church anywhere.

However, after Mr. Beard lost his job last month, he decided it was time to go back.

"Before we were operating under the idea that we were self-sufficient," the computer programmer said. "But losing my job has made it very evident that, 'no, we are not self-sufficient.'"



THE SONGS OF CHRISTMAS: Members of the Kostenbader family of Princeton sing Christmas carols at Acorn Glen Assisted Living facility. Their listeners included, seated from right, Joanne Scott and Sue Dimino.

Mr. Beard said he is happy with his decision. "Going to church is nice because of the fellowship and support that it there. It's nice to be around people," he said.

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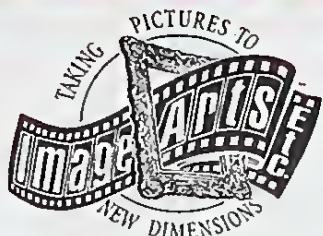
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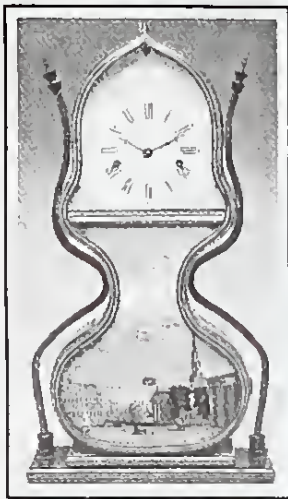
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Ms. Parrella's recital is the third of a series of organ recitals celebrating the N.P. Mander organ's 10th anniversary at St. Ignatius Loyola. It will include organ works by Bach, Pachelbel, Demessieux, Thomson, Franck, and Langlais.

Ms. Parrella is a member of the faculty at Westminster Choir College of Rider University. There she collaborates with director Joseph Flummerfelt as accompanist and assistant director of the Westminster Choir and accompanist for the Westminster Symphonic Choir.

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The American Boychoir will celebrate the 60th anniversary of Benjamin Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols* at the Princeton University Chapel on Saturday, December 21, at 8 p.m.

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Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG): Fri.-Tues., 11:30, 3:15
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Wild Thornberrys (PG): Fri., 5:05, 7, 8:55; Sat., 1:15, 3:10, 5:05, 7, 8:55; Sun.-Mon., 1:15, 3:10, 5:05, 7; Tues., 1:15, 3:10, 5:05

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Die Another Day (PG-13) Filled with gadgets, action and one-liners, the 20th James Bond film has Pierce Brosnan back as 007, Halle Berry as the heroine.

The Emperor's Club (PG-13) An inspiring prep school classics teacher (Kevin Kline) must deal with a trouble-making student (Emile Hirsch).

Evelyn (PG) Fact-based story of an intermittently employed Irish father (Pierce Brosnan), deserted by his wife, who loses his children to orphanages, then takes on the government and the Catholic Church to win them back. The landmark 1953 custody case changed Irish law.

Far from Heaven (PG-13) Drama set in 1950s about forbidden love—the husband's homosexuality, his wife's interracial attraction. With Dennis Quaid and Julianne Moore as the couple, Dennis Haysbert as their gardener.

Frida (R) Biography of Mexican artist Frida Kahlo stars Salma Hayek in lead role, Alfred Molina as muralist Diego Rivera. With Edward Norton, Geoffrey Rush and Antonio Banderas.

Gangs of New York (R) Martin Scorsese's long-awaited film about vengeance, political corruption and religious strife in mid-19th century Manhattan stars Leonardo DiCaprio as an Irish gang leader, Liam Neeson as his father, Cameron Diaz as his girlfriend, and Daniel Day-Lewis as his villainous rival. It arrives with Oscar buzz.

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG) Harry is back at Hogwarts in the second of seven planned films based on the popular J.K. Rowling series. **The Hot Chick** (PG-13) A mystical spell causes a high school cheerleader (Rachel McAdams) to switch bodies with a petty criminal (Rob Schneider), bringing expected pratfalls and sexual humor.

Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13) Second installment in the *Rings* trilogy offers three more hours of the effects-filled and action-packed adventures of the Hobbits, Uruks, Orcs and Ents.

Maid in Manhattan (PG-13) Mistaken identity is added to the Cinderella fable to propel this romantic comedy about mismatched lovers: a hotel maid (Jennifer Lopez) and an ambitious politician (Ralph Fiennes).

Rabbit-Proof Fence (PG) True story of three Australian girls who are taken from their Aborigine mothers in a 1930s government program, then escape to make the 1,200-mile trek home on foot.

Real Women Have Curves (PG-13) The garment factory or college? An overweight Mexican-American high school graduate (America Ferrera) battles her mother (Lupe Ontiveros) over her future.

Santa Clause 2 (G) Sequel to 1994 family comedy requires that Santa (Tim Allen) remarry.

Star Trek: Nemesis (PG-13) Tenth film in the series takes the starship Enterprise to Romulus, where space battles await.

Treasure Planet (PG) Computer-animated update of *Treasure Island* adventure features robots, cyborgs and strange space creatures in imaginative family film.

Two Weeks Notice (PG-13) Sandra Bullock and Hugh Grant play political opposites in unsurprising romantic comedy.

Wild Thornberrys (PG) First feature film based on the Nickelodeon TV series about a family that can talk to animals. Animated.

Trenton Symphony Plans Annual Holiday Concerts

The Greater Trenton Symphony Orchestra will present its 12th annual Holiday Spectacular at Patriots Theater at the War Memorial on Sunday, December 22, at 3 p.m.

Music Director John Peter Holly and the GTSO's 65 musicians will be joined by the Newark Boys Chorus, Deborah Ford, soprano, Edward Earle, narrator, and Santa Claus, for a program of popular and traditional music of the holiday season.

Included in the program will be Leroy Anderson's *A Christmas Festival* and *Sleigh Ride*, Bill Holcombe's *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*, Edward Earle's *The Misbehaving Clock*, excerpts from Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker*, and Victor Herbert's *March of the Toys* from *Babes in Toyland*.

The Newark Boys Chorus will be joined by Deborah Ford for a medley of popular holiday favorites arranged by Bill Holcombe.

In addition to the Holiday Spectacular concert, the GTSO will present its 11th annual New Year's Eve Concert on December 31 at 8 p.m. Guest Conductor Sabin Pautza will be joined by pianist Christopher Johnson for a program of symphonic and popular favorites.

Tickets for the Holiday Spectacular concert are \$35, \$30, \$25, \$20 and \$15; tickets for the New Year's Eve concert are \$75, \$65, \$50, \$40 and \$30. They can be ordered by calling (609) 396-5522, ext. 2, or by calling tickets.com at 1-800-955-5566.

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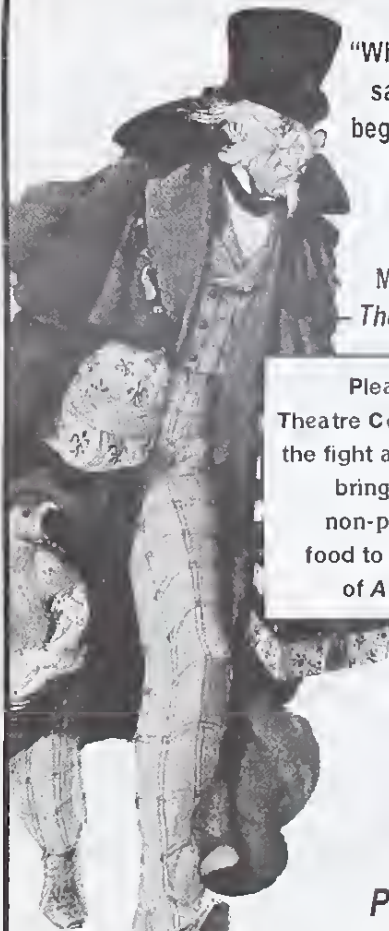
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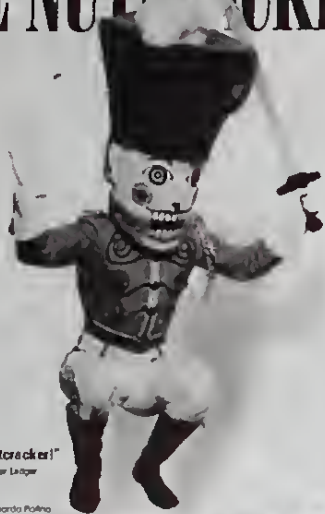
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MUSIC REVIEW

Princeton Pro Musica Presents Annual "Messiah"; It Still Works, But It May Need a Fresh Look

Princeton Pro Musica can sing Handel's *Messiah* in its sleep. Conductor Frances Fowler Slade presents this choral favorite every December, gradually paring the performance down from symphonic proportions to a more historically accurate chamber size. The house at Richardson Auditorium is always nearly full, indicating that Princeton audiences are ready and willing to brave Pro Musica's nearly three-hour performance running time. An annual sell-out is every performing ensemble's dream.

However, the danger of having an annual winner is complacency — it may not matter if *Messiah* is done the same way year after year because audiences will keep coming. But like a teacher who has taught the same course every year for the past 25 years, sometimes it is time to tear up the course notes and re-look at the material with a fresh eye. And although Pro Musica's *Messiah* performances are always credible and crowd-pleasing, it may be time for the ensemble to take a look at what can be new and exciting about *Messiah*.

A Complex Oratorio

Messiah is a complex oratorio of more than 50 arias, recitatives, and choruses. Premiered in 1742, *Messiah* was revised multiple times by Handel to accommodate different performance venues and singers, offering 20th-century conductors a variety of interesting performing options. The version of *Messiah* presented by Princeton Pro Musica on Saturday night seemed to be a combination of versions, without any historical intention — for instance, the use of counter-tenor Drew Minter rather than a female alto acknowledged Handel's 1750 version of *Messiah*, with arias rewritten for a favorite castrato, yet not all the counter-tenor arias were used. "Thou art gone up on high," from Part II, was assigned to baritone David Arnold, borrowing from the 1742 premiere, after which Handel rewrote the aria for male alto.

All of Saturday night's soloists had performed with Pro Musica before. Soprano Judith Pannill was consistently solid, achieving the quick coloratura of "Rejoice greatly" and the dramatic foretelling of the Resurrection in Part III. Mr. Minter got off to a rough start in his first aria, but quickly made up for it with extensive ornamentation in all of his arias. Tenor Steven Tharp has a rich voice with a creative approach to the music, and handled the long vocal lines better than the coloratura. David Arnold impressively sang his part from memory, enabling him to communicate with the audience like a preacher telling a Gospel story. Not an overwhelming voice, Mr. Arnold used musical affect to get his point across. This was an appealing way to sing, especially in a long aria such as "The people that walked in darkness," which can have a tendency to bog down. The "He shall feed his flock" and "Come unto him" soprano/alto combination was effective, with Ms. Slade choosing a good quick tempo for Mr. Minter's aria and Ms. Pannill moving the tempo further along as she floated her voice over the line.

There is no question that over the years, the Pro Musica chorus has been well prepared for this piece, with precise cut-offs and phrasing. The soprano section was steadfast and unwavering in its vocal stamina, never running out of energy throughout the performance. The tenors, although fewer in number than the other sections, were surprisingly strong. The bass section had trouble with vocal blend within the section—a number of different voices could be heard, rather than one solid sectional sound.

What was lacking from the chorus as a whole was a solid sense of unity and power in the contrasting dynamics. Certain choruses were unusually soft (at times almost inaudible), as if the singers thought if they sang softer, they could maneuver the coloratura lines more effectively. Although the homophonic choruses, especially in Part II, were well-blended, the overall choral sound was not as solid as in previous years, and choruses such as "Glory to God" with its "good will" fugal entrances, needed much more bite. The chorus stage decorum seemed to dissolve toward the end of the performance, as the chorus stood haphazardly for their entrances in Part III.

The accompanying orchestra was precise and exacting, with exceptional continuo playing from harpsichordist Wendy Young. Although the version of "The trumpet shall sound" had no da capo, offering no chance for trumpeter Brian McWhorter to ornament the line, he and fellow trumpeter Chris Bubolz played consistently well, especially from the balcony in Part I. Bassoonist Ivy Haga and oboists James Button and Nabuo Kitagawa accompanied various choruses and arias particularly well.

Missing a Connection

What was missing from the entire performance was a connection among the three components of soloists, chorus, and orchestra; it was as if these three elements were presenting their own performances. Ornaments performed by a soloist were not echoed by the orchestra, giving the impression that one did not know what the other was doing with the music. Initial entrances were often not clean from both chorus and orchestra, especially when switching from recitative to aria style within one solo. Two arias which displayed a great deal of connection and communication were "Thou shalt break them," performed by Mr. Tharp with cellist Jodi Beder and Ms. Young, and "If God be for us," performed by Ms. Pannill, concertmistress Diane Bruce and Ms. Young. Although Ms. Slade's pacing was better than in previous years, there was still an inordinate amount unnecessary time taken between numbers, which added considerably to the length of the performance.

Saturday night's performance was a definite crowd-pleaser, so it is clear that *Messiah* will always sell in Princeton. There are a number of aria and chorus versions which are never done unless one looks beyond the standard *Messiah* into the various revisions. Hopefully, the faithful supporters of Pro Musica will be treated to those soon.

—Nancy Plum

Princeton Pro Musica's next performance will be Saturday March 1, in the Princeton University Chapel, when Frances Fowler Slade will lead the chorus and orchestra in a performance of Zoltan Kodály's *Missa Brevis* and Maurice Duruflé's *Requiem*. Call (609) 683-5122 for tickets.

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THEATER REVIEW

McCarter's Spectacular "Christmas Carol" Continues to Enchant With Its Terrors and Tears, Humor and Heartwarming Humanity

The common man still lives in the mental world of Dickens," George Orwell wrote in an essay in 1939, almost 100 years after Charles Dickens' publication of his long short story *A Christmas Carol*. And another 63 years later, we are still very much in Dickens' world.

It was Dickens and the early Victorians who created many of our ideas of Christmas, with its emphasis on home and family, gift giving and dinners with loved ones. Dickens' world was also one of great social injustices, where social safety nets were few — "Are there no workhouses? Are there no prisons?" Scrooge asks in response to a request for alms for the poor — and disparities between the rich and the poor were vast and cruel. In preparing to address the subject matter of *A Christmas Carol*, Dickens had originally planned a political pamphlet condemning child labor abuses, rather than his legendary tale of greed, ghosts, redemption and holiday joy.

Appearing just five years before Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels' *Communist Manifesto*, *A Christmas Carol* is personal and moral rather than political.

Dickens doesn't seek to overthrow the capitalist system. He simply wants to overthrow the hearts of the human beings who practice capitalism. His message — and a powerful one it still is — is that we can be kind and generous, instead of vicious and greedy, and one person's kindness and generosity can make a difference. We need to get out of our counting houses, as Scrooge was forced to do by his ghostly visitors, get a new perspective on our pasts, presents and futures, examine our consciences and our hearts, and do good deeds to help our fellow humans.

Still Resonates Strongly

From its hundreds of manifestations in adaptations of the story and on stage, screen, TV and even a Mr. Magoo cartoon, *A Christmas Carol* is more than familiar. We all know Ebenezer Scrooge and his "Bah, humbug! What's Christmas to me?" Yet *A Christmas Carol* still resonates strongly in McCarter Theatre's spectacular current production, adapted by David Thompson and directed by Michael Unger, now in its third season.

It is certainly a children's story, but it is also a frightening ghost story and a story about hunger, poverty and want. It is a story about work, money and greed, as well as a story about love, kindness and generosity. The McCarter production is impressively fresh, energetic and lavish. It deftly blends the humor, the emotion, the dramatic tension and the mystery of Dickens's original into a thoroughly entertaining, heartwarming event.

Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* will play at McCarter Theatre through Sunday, December 29. Call (609) 258-2787 or visit McCarter online at www.mccarter.org for show times and reservations.

This *Christmas Carol* hasn't changed much since I last saw it at its December 2000 debut. It's a splendid production. If you haven't seen it, you should (though some of the ghostly activity and astounding special effects were upsetting to the youngest audience members). If you have seen it, you may want to see it again. Its magic works on repeated applications.

Dickens, Thompson, Unger and McCarter know how to "make 'em laugh, make 'em cry, make 'em wait," as Dickens once described his artistic credo. This production has its audience in the palm of its hand. What, for example, can top that extraordinary moment when Scrooge wakes up on



ETERNAL ANGUISH: "I wear the chains I forged in life," laments the ghost of Jacob Marley (Aloysius Gigl) on his Christmas Eve appearance to warn Scrooge (John Christopher Jones) of three more spectral visitations during the course of the night. Charles Dickens' *"A Christmas Carol"* runs through December 29 at McCarter Theatre.

Christmas morning, finds himself back home after his nocturnal journeys with the spirits, realizes that he still has the time and power to change his life and the lives of others and proceeds to astonish his servant, his nephew, and the Cratchit family with his new-found kindness and generosity?

Balances Dark and Light

This production performs a skillful balancing act between the dark and the light. It captures the chilling ghost story, but is also funny and heartwarming, without sugarcoating the powerful moral and social issues. Mr. Unger and McCarter Theatre have spared neither expense, resources nor painstaking efforts to bring to life the supernatural effects, the rich Christmas pageantry and the tragedy of *A Christmas Carol*.

The blue-ribbon design team of Ming Cho Lee (sets), Jess Goldstein (costumes), Stephen Strawbridge (lighting) and Brian Ronan (sound) obviously worked overtime to create the changing moods of this dazzlingly imaginative production: the gloom and squalor of Victorian London; the ghostliness of Scrooge's towering, tilted office and haunted home; the colorful celebrations of Scrooge's nephew Fred and his wife Lily.

Original music by Michael Starobin enhances the spirit and contributes significantly, as does the choreography by Rob Ashford, who is the only major addition to the production team over the past two years. Choreography and music are woven seamlessly into the show, never detracting from the fast-paced action or the impact of the drama.

Leading the accomplished, well-rehearsed cast of more than 30 is John Christopher Jones, returning for his third year as Ebenezer Scrooge. From his first "Bah, humbug" to his final heartfelt "Merry Christmas," he is fascinating to watch. But the whole ensemble — mostly new since two years ago — is first-rate, from the dozen focused, poised children actors to the seasoned professional performers with vast resumes of TV, Broadway, Off-Broadway and regional theater credits.

So cheers to Charles Dickens and to McCarter Theatre, Michael Unger, his cast and creative team for reminding us that the world and spirit of Dickens are also our world and spirit. At last Saturday's sold-out late afternoon matinee, this show clearly worked its magic and cast its spell on the youngest members of the audience, the most skeptical old curmudgeons and all in between.

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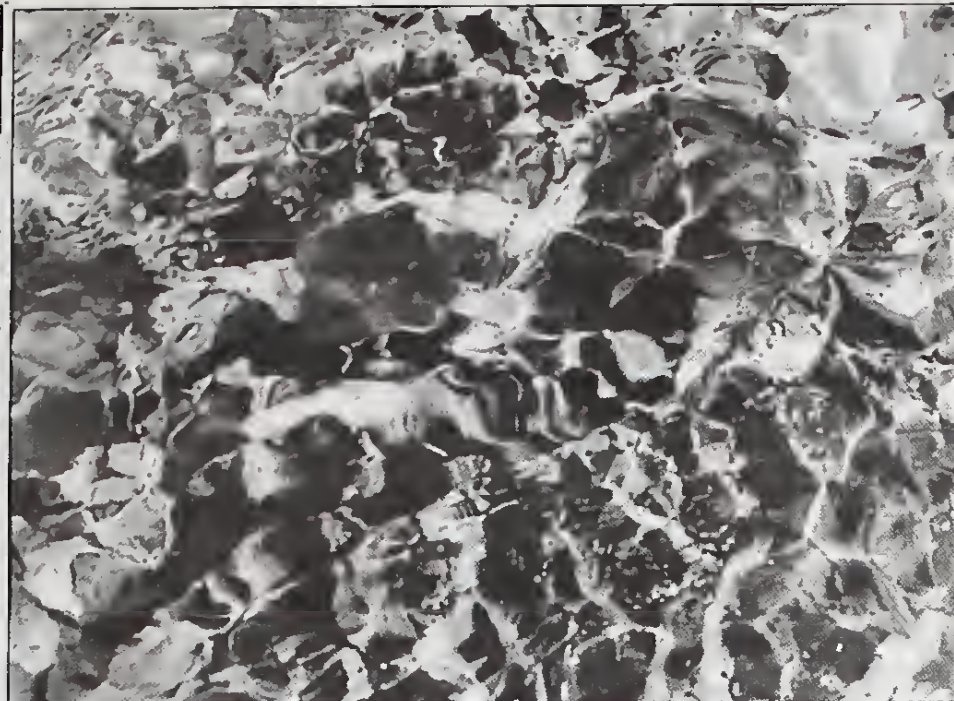
Two exhibits currently running at the Hunterdon Museum of Art are featuring Princeton artists.

"Jamie Fuller: Threshold/Transition" is on view in the museum's first-floor Merck Gallery. Ms. Fuller, who lives in Princeton, creates sculpture out of ordinary construction materials such as brick, plate glass, copper sheet, wood, slate, and roofing paper.

Defining space and the perception of space are primary concerns for the artist; using light and shadow, she articulates boundaries and pathways, as well as solids and voids. The architectural qualities of the work are evidence of Ms. Fuller's abiding interest in Cistercian and Romanesque churches. This survey exhibition of the artist's work includes drawings, prints, wall constructions, and three-dimensional pieces.

In addition, "Abstract Photography," which will run at the museum through January 19, 2003 in the museum's main gallery on the second floor, is featuring ten artists from the tri-state area, including Susan Hockaday of Princeton.

Ms. Hockaday incorporates nature into her photographic process by submerging drawings in flowing water and photographing the process as bits of sand, rocks, and detritus accumulate and sunlight plays over the surface of the moving water.



NOW SHOWING: Through January 19, 2003, the Hunterdon Museum of Art will feature photographic works by ten tri-state artists, including Susan Hockaday, whose abstract work "Water and Sky" is shown.

The featured photographers also include Richard Caldicott, Diane Levell, Hilary Lorenz, and Randy West, who search out abstractions in nature and everyday life.

Ms. Lorenz makes use of science laboratory equipment using a microscope and slides of cellular structures that she photographs, then combines in large and small-scale constructions. Both Mr. Caldicott and Mr. West photograph common objects of everyday use, albeit in ways that defy quick recognition.

Both David Slovic and Peter Tilgner create abstract images through methods of collage; Mr. Slovic uses multiples of a single image to create layered abstractions while

Mr. Tilgner combines disparate photographic images that are surreal and abstract.

Yet another route to abstract photography is practiced by Brent Wahl, who constructs models and sets up art. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information including direct-processes yield very different results, each of the artists in this exhibition creates abstractions using a camera, not through manipulations in the darkroom.

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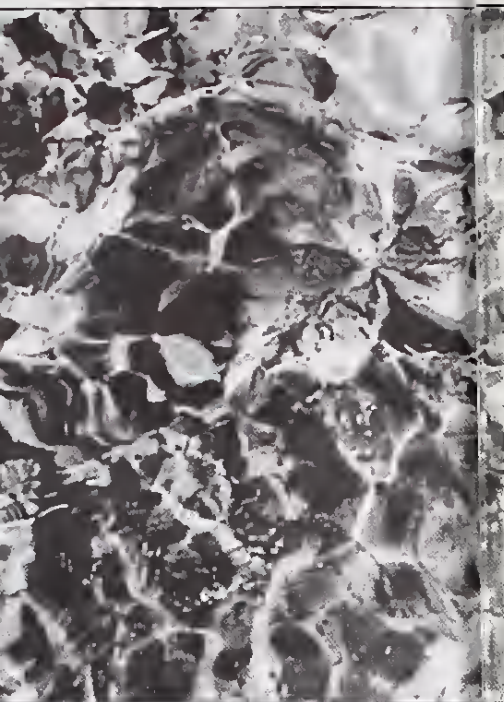
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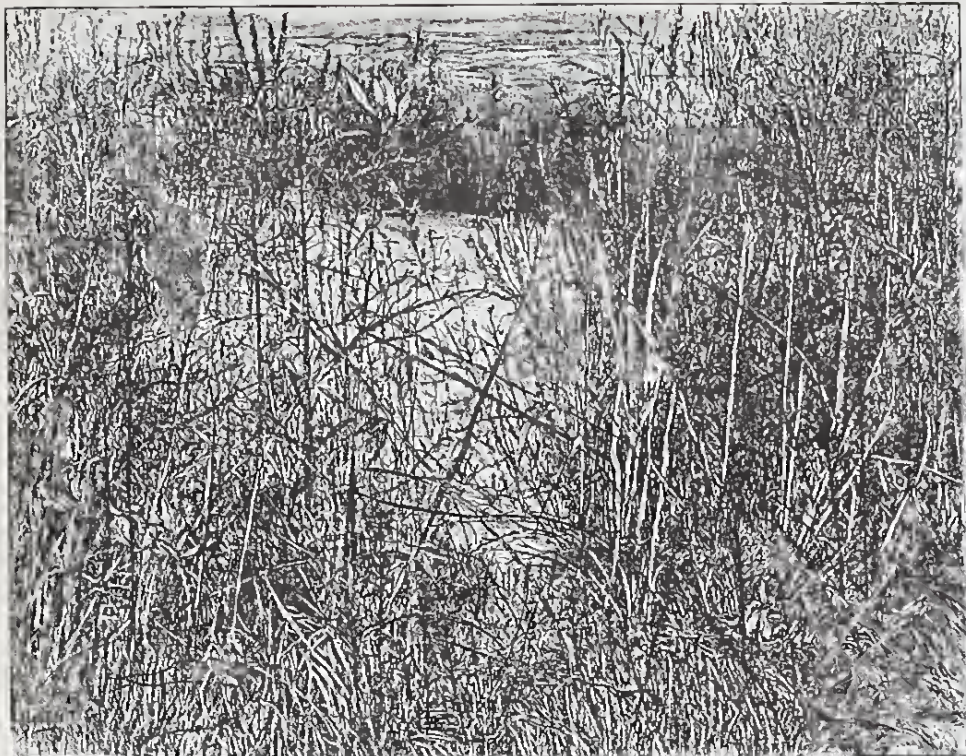
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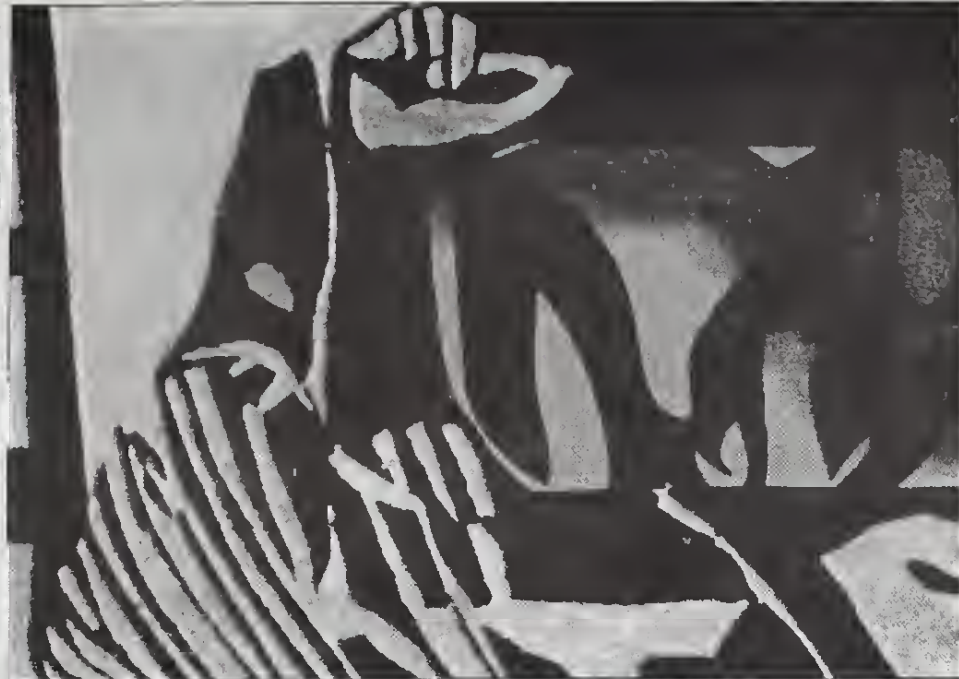
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Christmas in America can evoke Christmas in any one of dozens of countries. Still, in Scandinavia they have a huge nation of immigrants, as it has been from its beginnings, the United States welcomes a myriad of holiday customs and, somehow, makes them her own.

In Princeton, the Burlingham family weaves the foods and customs of Norway into their holiday activities. Polly and Stephen Burlingham are of Norwegian descent. After they met they discovered that Mr. Burlingham's mother was born in Kristiansand, in the far south of Norway, and Ms. Burlingham's family was from Kristiansund, in the north.

The family's Christmas tree, which they decorate with their daughters Isabel, 16, and Olivia, 10, is strung with strands of Norwegian flags. Instead of the traditional candles, for the sake of safety the family uses white lights.

On Christmas Eve, Mr. Burlingham's family comes to their son and daughter-in-law's home for a big sit-down meal. "We make a few Norwegian toasts, a traditional welcoming greeting," said Ms. Burlingham. "After dinner we don't have coffee and dessert. We dance around the tree, all holding hands, and sing all the Christmas carols we know. We end with a Norwegian Christmas carol."

After this exercise, everyone is happy to sit down for coffee and many varieties of Norwegian cookies. One of the most popular is Pepperkaker (see recipe). The evening ends close to midnight, after everyone has opened their presents.

Christmas Day begins with a nice breakfast at home. "In Scandinavia they have a huge buffet, but we tend to eat more normal food," said Ms. Burlingham. But the family bows to one old custom. Instead of having regular bread, they eat Julekake, a Norwegian Christmas bread (see recipe). Ms. Burlingham describes it as a slightly sweet bread that is studded with citron and raisins and flavored with cardamom. A Christmas dinner with Ms. Burlingham's family is the highlight of Christmas Day.

Mr. Burlingham's grandmother once said of Julekake, "Poor Christmas bread needs butter; But good Christmas bread deserves butter." One of Norway's special Christmas favorites is kranssekake, an almond ring cake that is not really a cake but a tower of iced cookies often topped with little Norwegian flags. Considered the celebration cake of Norway, it is made of ground almonds, powdered sugar and egg whites. The dough is then rolled out in thin lengths and placed in special rings, which

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"GOD JUL": Polly Burlingham greets guests who are arriving at her home to partake of her annual Christmas tea, an event that features the traditional Christmas cookies of Norway.

Pepperkaker

- 1 lb. butter
- 1 lb. light karo syrup
- 1 lb. sugar
- 1 1/2 tbsp. cinnamon
- 1 1/2 tbsp. ground cloves
- 1 tbsp. ground ginger
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1 1/2 tbsp. baking soda
- 3 lbs. all-purpose flour

Melt butter, corn syrup and sugar in a large pot over low heat until sugar is dissolved. Remove from heat. Add spices to a cup of boiling water and stir. Add to butter/sugar mixture and add baking soda. It will bubble up. Stir in flour, adding a cup at a time until well blended. Divide dough into 6 or 7 logs and roll in waxed paper. Chill overnight or freeze until ready to roll them out.

Working on a lightly floured surface, roll out cookie dough till very thin — 1/8" or so. Cut into shapes with cookie cutters and bake on lightly greased cookie sheets for 8-10 minutes at 325 degrees F. Cool cookies on racks and store in an airtight container at room temperature. Makes 6-8 dozen cookies depending on size. Keeps for 3 weeks.

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- 1½ cups milk, scalded
- 1 cup sugar
- ¾ cup butter or margarine, melted
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1 heaping tsp. crushed cardamom
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1½ cups raisins
- ¾ cup citron
- 6 cups flour plus more for kneading

Place hot milk, salt and 2 tablespoons sugar in a large bowl. When lukewarm add yeast and 3 cups flour. Beat thoroughly and let rise until double. (30-45 minutes with two yeasts.) Add remaining sugar, butter, eggs, cardamom and flour. Knead in raisins and citron. Knead for 10 minutes or until satiny. Divide dough into two equal parts and shape each into a smooth round loaf. Cover and let rise until doubled. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Bake for 10 minutes and then reduce heat to 350 degrees F. for 40 minutes. If desired, you can brush the loaves before baking with a glaze of beaten egg.

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may be bought in kitchen specialty shops. The baked circles are placed on top of each other to form a tower, and white icing is drizzled between each layer to hold the confection together.

"It is really a cookie. There is nothing in the middle. Since the center is hollow, a bottle of champagne can be put in the middle," said Ms. Burlingham. She prepares kransekake every year to serve at an annual Christmas tea. "In Norway, when you have a tea, you always serve an uneven number of cookie choices; seven is considered lucky," she said. "Since we like far more than seven recipes, it's hard for me to stop there."

—Myrna K. Bearse

Traveling With Pets During the Holidays

Holidays are a time for visiting with family and friends and many people will choose to bring their pets along to

the festivities. The New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association (NJVMA) offers the following advice on how to decide whether including your pet will make the celebration memorable or whether it's best to leave him at home.

Check with the host/hostess. Always ask the host of the party whether your pet is welcome. Nothing is worse than an unwelcome guest.

Only take your pet if he is well-behaved and obedient. Is your pet normally friendly and people-oriented? Does your pet know not to steal food and jump on guests?

Be considerate of your pet's needs. Is your pet used to gatherings of people and the accompanying noise? Don't include a pet that is skittish and prefers to be alone or in quiet settings. Remember that pets may not find social gatherings enjoyable. Don't let your eagerness to include them be the deciding factor. Forcing a pet into an unpleasant situation may result in undesirable behavior, resulting in unhappy people and pets.

Consider the company you'll keep. Will there be a friend or family member present who is allergic to cats or afraid of dogs? Consider what other animals will be at your destination and whether your pet gets along with them.

Create a safe place. Bring your pet's crate so he has a safe place to retreat if the festivities get a bit too loud. Also remember his favorite blanket, toys, food, treats, and any medications he may take.

Don't ignore your pet. It's easy to get caught up in activities and forget your pet. Make sure your pet's feeding, walking and sleeping routine stays the same. Also, make sure to keep your pet safe and away from trash cans, chemicals, open doors, and other hazards which may be present in a home not normally accustomed to having pets around.

Vaccinations and ID. Be sure your pet is up-to-date on vaccinations and that his pet identification tag has current contact information should he escape while you are away.

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Princeton DJ Continues 24-Hour Christmas Program

For many local families, Christmas is a holiday celebrated with traditions such as a family Christmas tree, stockings, Christmas Eve services, and Christmas morning gifts.

Jon Solomon, however, has decided to make his own tradition.

This Christmas, the disc jockey and Princeton native will host his 15th annual 24-hour Christmas show on WPRB (103.3 FM) from 6 p.m. on Tuesday, December 24 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, December 25.

Since 1988, Mr. Solomon has been staying awake in Holder Hall on the Princeton University campus to bring a full day's worth of Christmas tunes.

"The first show was kind of by happenstance," said Mr. Solomon, 29. "They needed someone to fill the time spot, and I didn't think twice about it."

"I was 15 years old," he added, "very excitable, and I stayed on the air as long as I could — about 11 or 12 hours — until the next DJ showed up. From there, it became a 24-hour show the next year, and now it's something that I really look forward to."

The personal enjoyment that Mr. Solomon gains from his show has captured many listeners within the communi-

ty. "The thing that I really like is that this show has become something that matters a great deal to the WPRB listening audience," he stated. "Some people have listened to it for years, and it's become a part of their holiday season, which is fantastic and also somewhat overwhelming. It's nice to have become part of a tradition for some people."

For Mr. Solomon, who is Jewish, his Christmas program has allowed him to connect to the holiday season in an unanticipated way.

"I like many of the feelings and ideas surrounding Christmas," he said, "such as being around family and friends, but my sentimentality has grown over the years in direct connection to doing this show."

"For me, Christmas used to be a day when I'd watch TV or go to the movies," he added. "Because I've been doing this for more than half my life, much of it is tied up with personal memories. This time of year, even songs that aren't sentimental have a connotation of sentiment to me."

In 1991, Mr. Solomon moved to Chicago to attend Northwestern University, where he completed a degree in radio, television, and film. But every holiday season, he returned to Princeton to present his show.

In September 2000, he moved back to Princeton, and he now hosts a regular show on WPRB on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 10 p.m. "I try to educate as well as entertain," he said, "by exposing people to things they might not otherwise hear."

"It's not what you play; it's how you play it," stated Mr. Solomon, who was named 2001's Best Local DJ by philadelphia.citysearch.com. "I try to segue between genre, tempo, style, and sound; I like to keep people on their toes."

When he isn't spinning records, Mr. Solomon keeps busy with his own independent music label, My Pal God Records. "I've been involved in independent music for a long time," he said. "I enjoy finding bands that I like, releasing their music to a broader audience, and championing people that I believe in."

In addition, he writes for www.princetonbasketball.com, a website devoted to coverage of the Princeton University men's basketball team, and www.ivybasketball.com.

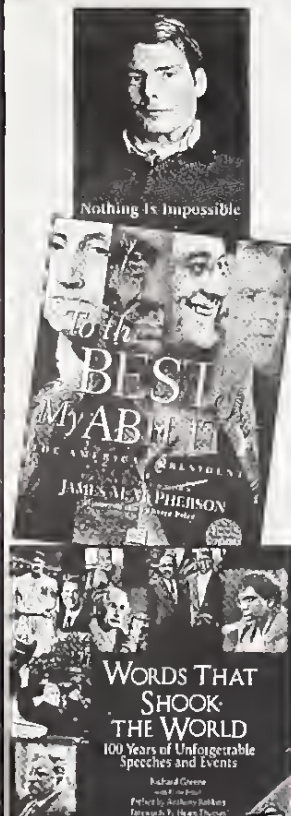
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